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For he's a jolly good fellow...



SAFE PASSAGE Bob Doucette presented his life's work as a work of art. Officer Shelley has spent his life serving and protecting the youth of Wilmington. (Stu Neilson photo)



ENJOYING RETIREMENT Bob and Annette Shelley were laughing all the time as friends and cohorts roasted and toasted each other and the retiring Wilmington Safety Officer. (Stu Neilson photo)

Officer Shelley enjoys a memorable retirement bash

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - The Casa di Fior on West Street was the place to be in Wilmington on the night of Friday, January 18, for it was there that hundreds of residents, town officials, family members and friends gathered to celebrate the retirement of the most popular man in town.

Anybody in Wilmington who has ever been gently escorted along a crosswalk as a child, saluted on the street as they drove by in their car or anointed with an affectionate nickname knows exactly the identity of the night's big star. Safety Officer Robert E. Shelley has, after all, been positively making a difference on the streets, around the schools and in the lives of residents since he joined the Wilmington Police Department approximately 37 years ago.

Officer Shelley's retirement party was the hottest ticket in town, so eagerly anticipated that seats for the event sold out before they could be printed. It was an event that Officer Shelley attended alongside his wife, Annette, and it drew a crowd that included local politicians, town administrators, former colleagues and best buddies who dated back decades in their friendship with him.

Town Manager Michael Caira, or "The Main Man," as Shelley as dubbed him over the years, was the night's Master of Ceremonies. Town Manager Caira kiddingly charted for the audience Shelley's "meteoric rise" in the ranks of the local police department and satirized the beloved officer's family journey to Wilmington and his childhood upbringing. (Officer Shelley instinctively knew where he could be most effective in Wilmington, so he elected to remain a patrolman through the duration of his career, hence Caira's tongue-in-cheek reference to his "meteoric" career trajectory.) From there, Caira introduced a parade of speakers who offered their own good-natured roasts, waxed eloquently about their dear friend and presented him with gifts.

Among them was Representative James Miceli, who, after referring to the difficulties and uncertainties that have characterized American life since September 11, declared that "it is the Bobby Shelleys of America who help make this country strong and make freedom possible." Senator Bruce Tarr, who chided youthful Shelley for being the "Dick Clark of the Wilmington Police Department," applauded Shelley as a public servant who has "transcended the role of a police officer."

The kind words did not stop there. Jim Gillis, the athletic director of Wilmington High School, told Shelley that the

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Mystery authors

"Sisters in Crime" reveal their tricks of the trade

By ELLEN KNIGHT

WILMINGTON - Be lucky and follow your fantasies.

That's what mystery writer Sarah Smith told a full house of mystery fans at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Thursday, January 17. Members of Sisters in Crime, a national organization of mystery writers and readers, Smith and fellow writers Leslie Wheeler and Toni Kelner were at the library to talk about how they became mystery writers and the genesis of their novels.

Though they told different stories, some similar strands were woven into their narratives, including youthful impressions, the inspiration of family, and a sense of place.

Inspirations from her grandmother

Smith was introduced to mysteries at about age 11 when she bought books at a Salvation Army store and discovered the novels of Mary Roberts Rinehart. From writers of that era, she said she had a "clear idea of mysteries." All the ladies wore hats. The cars had to be cranked. Elevators were made of grilling so you could shoot through them. Men had revolvers and a big, square car that could chase another at the great speed of 35 miles per hour.

After college and some time teaching, when thinking of writing mysteries, Smith said, she went back to the ideas from her childhood. "A stupid idea," she called it at first, because it was not contemporary. But she found inspiration in her grandmother, who had a lovely big hat, long gloves, and a muff. At age 16, she became the only support of her family and worked as a pearl broker. Inside her muff, she carried a bag of pearls worth about $1,000 and a derringer. She inspired Smith's heroine, Perdita Halley, who first appeared in "The Vanished Child," now in its 14th printing; and then two sequels.

"We think we know about these women in their big hats," Smith said. Though the romantic idea is that they were like flowers, "it was also a period of very tough women. That's my heroine."

From Plimouth Plantation to Gettysburg

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From the Town Crier archives

How do you connect two railroads? Parker thought he knew

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON

WILMINGTON - Back in the 1870s, there was a man who lived in Reading by the name of Parker. He concocted a wild idea to make some money out of the railroads. At that time, the Boston and Maine Railroad was the road which ran through North Wilmington, while the line which runs through Wilmington Square was the Boston and Lowell Railroad.

Parker's idea was to connect the two railroads with a third one, which he incorporated and called the Mystic Valley Railroad. The railroad was to be of narrow gauge, and was to connect with the Boston and Lowell near the Town Farm Bridge on Main Street. It would run to North Wilmington, where it would connect with Boston and Maine near the present railroad crossing. Parker succeeded in convincing some people that the two railroads could save money by

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Local plant will close, let 500 workers go

By JAKE PETERSON

WILMINGTON - Merck-Medco, of Research Drive in Wilmington, will cease operations and furlough approximately 500 workers on March 4, after operating their mail-order pharmacy in town since 1992.

Merck-Medco manages pharmacy benefits for employers, insurers and other plan sponsors, and provides disease management programs. Merck-Medco is a subsidiary of its parent company, Merck & Co. of Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

According to Anita Kawatra, the company's Director of Public Affairs, the reason for the closing of the pharmacy is multifaceted.

"The building we are operating in Wilmington has physical limitations that will not meet our future needs for our growing company," says Kawatra. "The rent on the building was

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Dual efforts to protect water quality

By CHARLOTTE COOPER

WILMINGTON - The quality of the community's drinking water was the hot topic that flowed through discussions at the Conservation Commission meeting that was held on Wednesday, January 16. Specifically, updates were given on both the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (CWRMP) and a Wetlands Protection By-Law that town officials and residents have been developing together.

After reaching an agreement to complete such plans, the town hired SEA Consultants, Inc. to assist in the creation of a CWRMP that it hopes will optimize the management of Wilmington's water supply, from its drinking quality to its disposal of waste to its stormwater runoff. Town officials believe that such a plan would allow the community to maintain its growth and vision for the future without compromising any resources. Currently, $500,000, which was appropriated by residents at the Annual Town Meeting, has been budgeted for the endeavor.

"This is going to be a two-year project that will go through sev-

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Rollover shuts down Glen Road

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

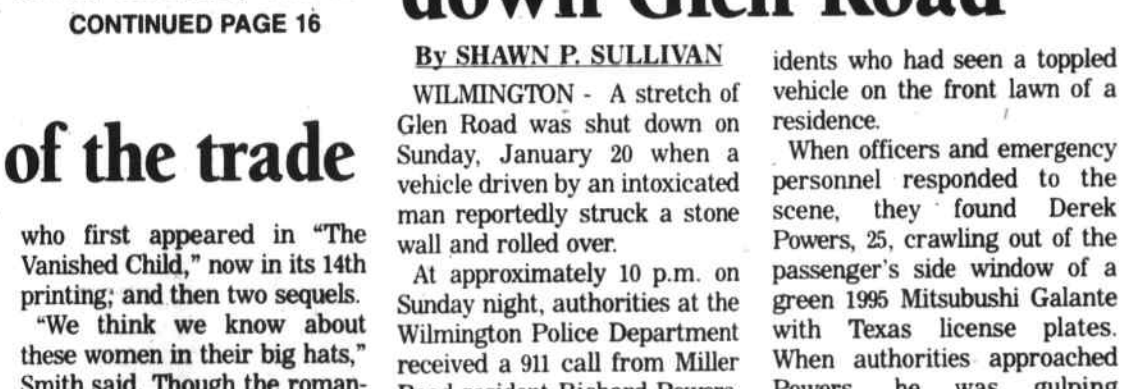
WILMINGTON - A stretch of Glen Road was shut down on Sunday, January 20 when a vehicle driven by an intoxicated man reportedly struck a stone wall and rolled over.

At approximately 10 p.m. on Sunday night, authorities at the Wilmington Police Department received a 911 call from Miller Road resident Richard Powers, who reported that his son, Derek, had left their house in what he believed was an intoxicated state. Moments after that notification, dispatchers received a handful of emergency calls from Glen Road residents who had seen a toppled vehicle on the front lawn of a residence.

When officers and emergency personnel responded to the scene, they found Derek Powers, 25, crawling out of the passenger's side window of a green 1995 Mitsubushi Galante with Texas license plates. When authorities approached Powers, he was gulping Listerine mouthwash.

According to Deputy Chief Robert Spencer, Powers told authorities that his vehicle had struck a stone wall. Powers acknowledged that he had been

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KEEPERS OF OUR HEALTH. Wednesday, January 23 was School Nurse Recognition Day. During a morning ceremony at the Wilmington Middle School, the school nurses pictured above were applauded for the care they have shown for the community's children. Front row, from left to right: High School Nurse Sue Rowe; Middle School Nurses Rita King and Michelle Yeomelakis; and North Intermediate School Nurse Ann Pinkham. Standing, from left to right, are Doreen Crowe, the Director of Health Services; Woburn Street School Nurse Nancy Geljookian; Shawsheen Elementary School Nurse Brenda Karkos; Wildwood Elementary School and High School Nurses Maria Sellitto and Robin Crowley; Boutwell Street School Nurse Donna Alonardo; and Norma Rushton, the retired Director of Health Services. (Courtesy photo)



AND THE WINNER IS... The Student Council at Tewksbury Memorial High School recently cast their votes for their choices of the best in acting, writing and producing in the drama class taught by Ms. Buss. On Friday, January 18, an Academy Awards-like ceremony was held in which Michelle White, left, grabbed honors for Best Actress and Best Comic Actress and Bill Meuse, right, nabbed an award for Best Actor. Both White and Meuse appeared in "Amish Affairs," which Ms. Buss, center, directed. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Tewksbury to hold its Democratic Caucus

TEWKSBURY - Attention all local residents who are registered with the Democratic party.

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Warren Carey has announced that registered Democrats in the Town of Tewksbury will be holding a caucus at the Tewksbury Town Hall at 1009 Main Street on Route 38 on Saturday, February 2. The event will begin at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the caucus will be for registered party members to elect 16 delegates and six alternates who will attend the 2002 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Tewksbury.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to their nomination in writing.

All candidates may make a two minute statement to the attendants and may distribute materials to them on their behalf.

All ballots will be written and secret.

All candidates must be present at the caucus in order to be elected.

The Town Hall Auditorium will open at 9:30 a.m. You must be in line to sign in within 15 minutes of the posted starting time. No one will be admitted after 15 minutes past the schedule time or you will be treated as a visitor and will not be allowed to participate.

For more information, please contact Warren R. Carey at 978-851-9165 or the Democratic State Committee at 617-472-0637.

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NOTES ON JOINT OWNERSHIP

Joint ownership supersedes a will; the joint tenant with rights of survivorship gets the property, no matter what. Which is why such ownership is usually limited to married couples. There also can be problems if one heir gets the jointly held property directly, and the other heirs are stuck with the estate tax bill.

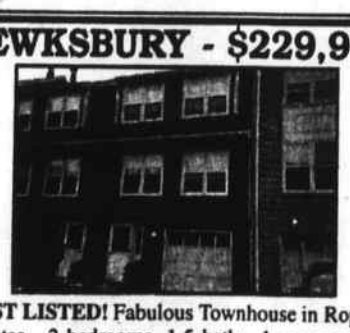
If the point of joint ownership is to allow someone else to manage the property in case the original owner is incapacitated, a durable power of attorney is a wiser choice.

Another issue is joint tenancy by the entirety: in many states this is understood to mean that a married couple owns property as a unit, rather than as individuals. But there's a tricky loophole if one spouse owns back taxes; an Appeals Court has said the IRS could not place a lien on such property unless both spouses we liable for taxes. The IRS, concerned that this tax scheme will proliferate, has appealed to the Supreme Court.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

The Shelleys thank you

THANK YOU

To all who honored me by their attendance at my Retirement Party. I hope you enjoyed the party as much as I did.

A very special thank you to my family, Deputy Chief Spencer and his committee for all their tireless hours in preparation for the event and to Casa di Fior for all their help and a fantastic meal.

Sincerely,
Bob and Annette Shelley

Superintendent O'Donnell owes explanation to students, parents

Dear Editor:

For many years, Wilmington eighth graders have made a spring class trip to Washington, D.C. The trip has been widely praised by parents and teachers as an educational and fun opportunity for the students to get a first hand look at their nation's government and visit historic sites.

Last year concerns were raised about safety and liability issues and the trip was initially cancelled. But thanks to teachers and parents working together to address those concerns the trip went on as planned. Once again it was a wonderful experience for the eighth graders and went off without a hitch.

After the events of September 11 many things have changed. An immediate and direct effect on this year's eighth graders was the cancellation of a fall day trip to New York City. The students instead visited Sturbridge Village and there was no disputing it was the prudent thing to do coming so soon after the attack on New York.

With uncertain times ahead, a decision was made to change the spring class trip from Washington to Gettsyburg, Pennsylvania - site of the epic Civil War battle and President Abraham Lincoln's stirring address.

While there was some disappointment at missing out on the D.C. trip experienced by years of eighth graders, there was also the realization it was wise to exercise caution. Changing the destination preserved the educational nature of the trip and addressed concerns about visiting a city that many see as a prime target for terrorists.

But just as students were beginning to look forward excitedly to the spring trip, they were informed the trip was off. A letter sent home merely told parents that the trip "did not receive the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Geraldine O'Donnell." No explanation was offered.

When students asked during an assembly why the trip was canceled, Principal Kathleen Conway told them that she did not know the reason, she was just the superintendent's messenger. Parents who phoned Dr. O'Donnell's office were simply told via returned messages that the cancellation was due to issues of "safety and liability."

While no one from the School Department has mentioned fears from Sept. 11 as a reason for canceling the Gettysburg trip, the students themselves raised the issue during the assembly. One student pointed out that President Bush told Americans that if they did not go on with life after Sept. 11, they would be "letting the terrorists win." In fact, just last week the White House announced it will soon reopen to tours for student groups.

It appears unlikely that such fears could be Dr. O'Donnell's reason for canceling the eighth grade trip to Gettysburg. This month alone she approved three overnight trips by student groups, including an overnight trip by the high school cheerleaders to New York City for a national competition at Madison Square Garden.

If the issues of "safety and liability" cited by Dr. O'Donnell are not related to Sept. 11, then what are they? Similar concerns raised last year were addressed satisfactorily by all parties involved and the trip was a rousing success.

What else has changed since last year that necessitates taking an opportunity away from these children? Before it is too late to reverse Dr. O'Donnell's decision, the eighth graders and their parents deserve nothing less than a full, prompt explanation. Perhaps there is no adequate explanation and the trip should go on as planned.

Marlena and Tim Wilson,
Wilmington



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Wilmington has its own Enron CEO in Selectman McCoy

Dear Editor:

The recent Enron scam, where company executives made millions by cashing out their stocks while preventing rank and file employees from doing the same was an unconscionable abuse of power. Company CEO Kenneth Lay made millions while his rank and file employees lost millions, their lives ruined. Many other small investors also saw their life savings go up in smoke.

Kenneth Lay's immoral behavior, dominated by a blatant dishonesty and concern for others, demonstrates the worst of human nature. He profited at others' expense, and his only concern was for himself. People like that should not be in positions of power.

Unfortunately, Wilmington has its own Kenneth Lay in Selectman Michael McCoy.

In the early 1990's, Mr. McCoy purchased a newly constructed home in our town. Now that he has his house, he supports a moratorium on building new homes in Wilmington. He says it's in our best interest. But back when he needed his own new home, he sang a different tune. He got his and now it's too bad for any working families and senior citizens who are trying to improve their own living conditions.

Even worse, in 1995, at the height of new construction in Wilmington, Mr. McCoy didn't see fit to sponsor a moratorium on commercial building. Why not? Because instead it was in his best interest to try to rezone his property on Lowell Street to "commercial," so he could open another restaurant there. Well, after that attempt failed at Town Meeting (where these decisions ought to be made - by the people) Mr. McCoy, this self-professed champion of controlling growth, pulled a building permit to expand his restaurant at his existing Lowell Street restaurant.

Hypocrite! He got his, too bad for everyone else. Remember that every time you drive by Michael's Place on Lowell Street.

More still, the Master Plan Committee has met more than 15 times to discuss growth issues. Mr. McCoy, who now having his own new home and business supports a building moratorium and is supposedly concerned about growth, never bothered to show up once for any of these meetings. He doesn't need to learn more about the issue. He already knows enough. He got his, and too bad for everyone else.

And that is why I will not vote for Selectman Kenneth Lay... er, uh... Michael McCoy for reelection. People like him should not be in a position of power, where they benefit themselves at our expense.

Sincerely,
Bill Irwin, Jr.
Wilmington

Master Plan Committee wrong about Neighborhood Activity Centers

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to my quotes that appeared in last week's Wilmington Advocate in response to pedestrian traffic. First of all, I did not say, "nobody walks." I see many people walking for recreational purpose throughout the town, oftentimes with dogs or baby carriages. Businesses often encourage employees to walk at lunchtime. I am in full support of creating new sidewalks in many of our neighborhoods as well as maintenance improvements to existing sidewalks to make the roads safer for pedestrian traffic.

What I do not see are people who walk to do business within the community. Unfortunately, we live in an age where we are constantly on the go driving from one end of town to another or to another community altogether. In the mornings, I see cars at many school bus stops because the moment children board the bus, the parents are driving off to work rather than walking home to get their cars. This is certainly not the case for all people, but it is a trend that does not seem likely to go away.

One of the provisions of the Master Plan is to create Neighborhood Activity Centers where we will have businesses with apartments in several of our neighborhoods. The thought pattern of the Master Plan Committee is that including businesses closer to residents will encourage people to walk rather than drive to do business within the community thus easing the traffic burden on our roads. I think that they are wrong.

For example, at the selectmen's meeting, I asked Selectman Garrant (who is the co-chairman of the Master Plan Committee) how often he personally walks to the Colonial Park Mall, which is about a five-minute walk from his house. This mall contains a variety of stores and a professional building surrounded by a large parking lot, which is usually pretty full during normal business hours. He said he probably walks there about five times a year. He stated that his reasoning for making so few trips is because of the lack of sidewalks. I agree that the lack of sidewalks is a safety factor. More importantly, he probably chooses to conduct his business elsewhere, which is perfectly okay. In the meantime, there is a parking lot full of cars at Colonial Park Mall whose owners chose to drive to their business.

By the way, I am not trying to single out Mr. Garrant because he is on the Master Plan Committee or as a selectman. Rather, I feel that he is a typical resident of Wilmington who lives near a current Neighborhood Activity Center.

As I have said in the past, I think to form a Master Plan Committee and work hard for almost two years is a tremendous undertaking and I sincerely applaud each and every member. I do feel, however, that there is too much emphasis on easing zoning regulations which will only add to our traffic problem and not enough emphasis on easing the current traffic burden or that which comes with future growth. I encourage all residents to read the actual Master Plan and not depend on handouts that do not tell the whole story. The Master Plan is on the Wilmington web site as well as at the library and other town buildings. I am sure that the Master Plan Committee will have several information sessions prior to the annual town meeting in April.

Frank West
Wilmington

Is Selectman McCoy insincere or simply shortsighted?

Dear Editor:

Where has Mr. McCoy been? He's been a selectman for about 12 years. He was on the planning board for, what, five years or so? Now, in 2002 (just three months before an election), and after making it through the town's highest levels of growth in the mid-1990s, he wants to stop development dead in its tracks. Either he is disingenuous, or he simply is shortsighted. Either way, it makes him a hypocrite in my book. Let's review some history.

In 1994, he purchased a new home in a nice neighborhood. Good for him - I can't begrudge him for that. But now that he's gotten his, he wants to prevent anyone (and that includes young, middle aged and senior Wilmington residents alike) from being able to build a home here for the next five years. Would he have been willing to put his family's best interests on hold for five years? Probably not, and rightfully so. But the question is whether Mr. McCoy is insincere or simply shortsighted?

In 1995, amidst the highest rate of development this town has ever seen, he did not ask for a moratorium on commercial development. Instead, he asked the voters to rezone his property on Lowell Street so he could open another restaurant. At that time, the Town Meeting voted against him. If you remember, the prevailing sentiment at the time was that we shouldn't rezone any additional properties on Lowell Street, at least until our master plan could be updated. What do you think - insincere or shortsighted?

Well, the Master Plan has been updated, because in 1997, Town Meeting wisely appropriated $30,000 to do so. Since that time, the Master Plan Committee has met in open session about 16 times. The Committee even invited residents to participate in public visioning sessions. As I understand it, Mr. McCoy never attended as much as one meeting and he had never called for a moratorium. What do you think - insincere or shortsighted?

A number of times since then, the progress of the Master Plan has been reported to the selectmen, even at the selectmen's own meetings. I have watched many of the selectmen's meetings on cable television, and I do not remember his ever calling for a moratorium at any of these times, either. What do you think - insincere or shortsighted?

At the same time in 1997, Town Meeting also voted to install a new sewer system on Lowell Street. I remember because I supported the project, and so did Mr. McCoy. But now Mr. McCoy calls for a building moratorium, supposedly because he is so concerned with our water supply. Why did he support the Lowell Street sewer project? What do you think - insincere or shortsighted?

Also at the same Town Meeting in 1997, the townspeople voted (by ballot question and Town Meeting, by the way) to fund the construction of a new school and public safety building. To his credit, Mr. McCoy supported both projects. However, while supporting expenditures in excess of $30 million on these projects, he never called for a building moratorium. Only now, after they have been completed, does he see fit to call for a moratorium to limit the number of businesses to help finance the debt associated with these projects. Only now does he call to limit the number of kids (home grown and "out-of-towners" alike) from enjoying these wonderful new facilities. What do you think - insincere or shortsighted?

In 2000, Mr. McCoy pulled a building permit to expand his restaurant - oh yeah, never mind - his proposal doesn't affect existing businesses.

The bottom line is that I would not support a building moratorium for a number of reasons that I won't get into here, but many of these reasons were articulated by the other four selectmen last week.

The bottom line is that if Mr. McCoy really believes that a moratorium is necessary, he already missed the boat. This town was in the throes of its greatest rate of development in the mid-90s. If stopping growth is truly a priority for him, he's a day late and a dollar short.

Sid Tildsley

P.S. The bottom line cash reserve is about $8.5 million, not $5 million.

Master Plan, not moratorium, would be best for community

Dear Editor

The election season should be used to inform the residents of what is happening in town, what direction the town is moving in and possibilities for the town, as well as changes that will inevitably happen to all localities. Surely after September 11, no one can think that citizens can take things for granted.

Instead we are listening to the same scares that unnecessarily frighten people and make them angry over the wrong things.

I do not think a moratorium on building will pass at a town meeting, nor do I think it is the way to plan our growth over the next decade. Mr. McCoy and Mr. West are refusing to hear what the Master Plan is.

Once people move into town, they begin to form the opinion that others should not be allowed in after them. Property owners have rights of their property, as to use within zoning requirements and as to profits from ownership. Wilmington voters have a right to impose some restrictions. The Master Plan was developed to enhance those things a survey has proven that the citizens in town care about: open space, varied recreational uses, local business districts, local transportation plans, and traffic controls.

Our building professionals have participated in the process. They have listened and showed respect for our wishes. It is insulting and backward thinking to propose that we should put unreasonable barriers in front of these people simply because some of us have not done the homework necessary to know just what kind of quality work has gone into Wilmington's Master Plan. Adherence to these guidelines will require continuing work and support through the town meeting body.

Some of us will need to sell property quickly. With a five year moratorium, the market rate for this land will minimize since it may lay dormant for this time period. This is too harsh an intrusion into private lives.

A five-year moratorium will impact the municipal revenue growth factor beyond that of the slowdown of our economy. The municipal revenue growth factor has kept our town healthy over the last decade, enhancing our school life, our senior citizens' services, as well as public safety. New tax base growth keeps our tax bills inflation low. It is the same effect as those who live with the fixed income problems. Our population is going to grow older; there will be more of us on fixed income. A building moratorium will make this issue more difficult for these citizens. Even if Mr. McCoy softens the blow with a proposal that does not include additions, etc., this part of municipal revenue growth will not be enough to assist us with the building issues that need to be addressed, as well as our routine day to day costs. There will be no moratorium on our utilities or other day to day operation costs.

I do not like to see homes being built in their father's backyards. The Master Plan adoption would tell residents that future growth in this town should be done only within the well thought out zoning regulations proposed. Unfortunately, there will always be exceptions; that is what town meeting is about.

Mr. McCoy and Mr. West are taking stage as "leaders" in town. Quality leaders participate during the entire process an work with others who have stepped ot the plate to help maintain and build Wilmington as a place of quality for all. They do not tear down very diligent and thought out work for the sake of a temporary spotlight. In other words, quality leaders make sense, not nonsense.

Sincerely
Ann L. Yurek
Master Plan Committee

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Melzar graduates from Coastal Carolina University

WILMINGTON - Tracy Melzar of Wilmington was among the 435 candidates for graduation during commencement exercises held at Coastal Carolina University Saturday, December 15.

Tracy earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education

Coastal Carolina University is a public, comprehensive liberal arts institution offering baccalaureate degree programs in 33 major fields of study and five programs leading to the master's degree in education.

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Rep. Miceli office hours

WILMINGTON - Representative James R. Miceli (D-Tewksbury/Wilmington) has announced his monthly office hours for the month of January on the following dates:

Wilmington: Monday, January 28, 2002 at the Wilmington Town Hall in the small conference room from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Tewksbury: Tuesday, January 29, 2002 at the Tewksbury Town Hall kitchen from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

In addition Representative David M. Nangle (D-Tewksbury/Lowell, and Andover) will also be present at the Tewksbury office hours from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns of Tewksbury residents who live in Precinct 3.



NEW FACE IN TOWN. Reading resident Barbara Hofelich has been appointed Branch Manager of the new full-service branch of the Danvers Savings Bank at 579 Main Street in Wilmington. (Courtesy photo)

Wilmington welcomes Danvers Savings Bank

WILMINGTON - Wilmington has welcomed a new business to Main Street - one that is poised to help the town's business and consumer population alike. Danvers Savings Bank, a $700 million financial institution has been serving the North Shore since 1850, recently opened its door at 579 Main Street on Route 38.

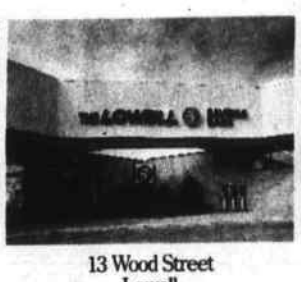
This new branch is the Bank's 11th office in Massachusetts, with other full service branches in Danvers, Beverly, Peabody, Middleton, Salem, Reading, Chelsea and Revere, as well as a Loan Production Office in Newburyport. The Wilmington office features extended branch hours and a two lane drive-up with an ATM. Reading resident Barbara Hofelich will serve as branch manager with help from Woburn resident Gale McDaniel as assistant branch manager. Vice President and Commercial Lender David Paskowski will also be a frequent presence in the branch, available to serve the area's Commercial Loan needs.

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Tewksbury Public Schools Kindergarten registration

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury Public Schools Kindergarten registrations for 2002-2003 will be held at all four Tewksbury elementary schools (Dewing, North Street, Trahan, Heath Brook) from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the following days:

Monday, March 4
Tuesday, March 5
Wednesday, March 6
Thursday, March 7
Friday, March 8

In addition, all four schools will be open for kindergarten registration Thursday evening, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30.

Note: Current Kindergarten Entrance Requirements:

1. Proof of residency required at time of registration (licenses not accepted)

2. Child must be five years old as of August 31, 2002.

*3. Immunizations must be up to date and presented at registration.

4. Certified birth certificates (not hospital birth certificates) must be presented at registration.

*Minimal immunization requirements for kindergarten:

*DTP, five doses
*Hepatitis B, three dose series
*Polio, four doses
*Lead screening
*MMR, two doses
*Varicella or MD note verifying child has contracted Chicken Pox.

Democrats to hold caucus in Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Registered Democrats in Wilmington will be holding a caucus at the American Legion Hall, 136 Bay Street, Wilmington, February 2 at 2 p.m. to elect 12 delegates and six alternates to the 2002 Mass. Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The Convention will be held Friday, May 31, 2002 and Saturday, June 1, 2002, at the Worcester Centrum in Worcester. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Wilmington. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. All candidates must be present at the caucus to be elected. Those not elected as Delegate and Alternate may apply to be add-ons in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Mass. Democratic Party, 10 Granite St., Quincy, MA 02169 no later than 10 days after the caucus date.

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RMLD responds to Inspector General's allegations

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ness reasons. The employees making the decision on what to purchase purposely chose good quality items based on the expected use of the items and to avoid having to go through this process again in the near future. The original purpose was to have bedding on hand to allow the couch in the General Manager's office to be used for sleeping during storms or in the case of consecutive late night meetings. During the March 2001 snowstorm, other RMLD employees used this bedding.

The General Manager routinely commutes 104 miles per day and thus local sleeping arrangements are occasionally required. Prior to this expenditure, we used to book a local hotel room. However, in the fall of 1998 local hotel rates were quite high and were occasionally sold out. Rather than pay the rates (we are not eligible for a corporate discount and thus have to pay the 'rack' rate) the decision was made to purchase a pull-out couch and associated bedding. The entire purchase process took until March of 1999 to complete. The same bedding is still being used. The towels were purchased to allow bathing since some storm responses have historically required up to 82 consecutive hours of work.

It is common for RMLD employees to sleep at the RMLD during extended outages and storms. The RMLD has routinely purchased cots, rollaway beds, sheets, blankets and pillows for years since an electric utility must always work through major storms, no matter what the length. The General Manager has always stayed for every declared emergency and very rarely goes home during the entirety of the emergency.

Boston Coach

This issue is clear to anyone who reads the newspaper. It received wide publication. The 'limo' was rented for use by the Commissioners to attend an Energy New England meeting in Braintree at 7 p.m. Attending the meeting requires negotiation in heavy Boston traffic at rush hour. The Commission requested a 'limo'. This practice had been done before the Boston Coach sent a van. When a RMLD Administrative Assistant implemented this new request, a stretch limo was sent (the only other alternative was a Volvo, which would not accommodate the number of passengers and a driver). The General Manager's credit card was used to pay for this expenditure.

The General Manager drove a separate RMLD vehicle to the meeting and subsequently home.

Next One Sedan

Certain details of this expenditure are cloudy. We cannot find an accounting record of this expenditure. It is clear that the General Manager did not make the expenditure since he was attending a three week program at Harvard at the time and did not attend the APPA Legislative meeting. Three (3) Commissioners and our then Public Relations Manager attended the meeting. We do not understand the facts as presented by the Inspector General's Report.

Our records show that the Public Relations Manager and two Commissioners flew into Dulles Airport outside of Washington and were the probable uses of the limo service. However, we cannot find such an expenditure on their expense account reports. Since one of the Commissioners has retired from the Board and the Public Relations Manager has resigned, it is not clear that we can completely resolve the specifics of the expenditure.

The RMLD has occasionally used Dulles and a limo service rather than flying into Reagan National. Boston to Dulles, round trip, costs $155 for airfare. In such cases, we use Next One since he is reliable and takes credit cards right in the car. With the additional $123.75 for the limo, round trip, the cost of this option is less expensive than flying Boston to Reagan National (typical cost is $399+ for airfare alone).

Linens-N-Things

This was a mistake made by the General Manager. His personal credit card is silver, as is the RMLD credit card. The wrong card was used. The General Manager noticed the mistake when his personal credit card statement did not contain the charge. He immediately notified Accounting that the charge would likely be on the RMLD card. When the credit card statement was received, the General Manager noted the mistake directly on the statement. He subsequently paid the RMLD back by personal check. We have a copy of the cancelled check and the subsequent general ledger entry.

Filene's Neckwear

This was a mistake made by the AGM. She used the wrong credit card. She noticed it when it appeared on the RMLD credit card bill. She immediately noted it on the bill, notified Accounting and immediately reimbursed the RMLD. She has the cancelled check to prove reimbursement. The RMLD has the general ledger entry to show the monies were posted.

Bicycle

Yes, the purchase was made as stated by the Inspector General's Report. The bike was used by one of our senior linemen. Soon after joining the RMLD, he unexpectedly collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Subsequently he was medically restricted from doing lineman work. He was also medically restricted from driving a vehicle. We purchased the bicycle (with an electric motor) and assigned him to visit every pole in the system to verify our Georgraphic Information System (GIS) paper data prior to its being computerized. Subsequently, the medical restrictions were lifted and the employee returned to full status as a lineman. His GIS work eliminated many errors in our data and allowed us to not spend money on computerized faulty data.

The RMLD still has the bike and, to the best of my knowledge, uses it for display purposes in our community services programs.

General Cinema/Showcase Movie Tickets

The expenditure for the General Cinema tickets exactly mirrors the explanation for the Showcase Cinema tickets.

The Showcase Cinema: Check No. 1452252 in the amount of $300 was paid on November 27, 2000, to Showcase Cinemas for a book of 50 tickets as thank-you to RMLD employees for volunteering and helping put together annual Halloween Party that entertains 650-800 children and their parents. The volunteers were given two tickets each. The Halloween party is a popular event for customers and their children. However, it takes a great deal of volunteer work to get the RMLD decorated then returned to normal.

These tickets were purchased to cover theaters that were nearer to some employees' homes than those of Showcase Cinema. Our current Community Services Manager confirms that we had 50 volunteers helping and that all received the tickets. The General Manager did not receive any tickets nor did he volunteer assistance.

The expenditure for the General Cinema tickets exactly mirrors the explanation for the Showcase Cinema tickets.

Lynnfield Deli

Lynnfield Meat and Deli: These were two different expenditures and the business purpose is clearly noted on the invoices (see enclosures three and four). The $803.35 was for a "Clean-up Day' luncheon. Once per year, the RMLD directs employees to devote the day to cleaning out their cubicles, offices and files so we don't drown in our own paperwork. The employees can come dressed very casually on that day. We provide lunch for them and the monies were used to pay for the caterers.

The second expenditure was for $173. The business purpose was also noted as NEPPA Training. NEPPA is the Northeast Public Power Association and is used to provide a lot of routine safety, customer service and electricity training. The General Manager's credit card is frequently used for these purposes. The General Manager was not at this training session.

Petty Cash Log

The RMLD Petty Cash Log provides all the details, who requested the money, how much was requested and why. The largest amount, $300 was a petty cash travel advance for the General Manger, which is then accounted for on the appropriate expense account.

Capriccio's

Our credit card records for that period clearly show who attended the dinner. The notation is for 14 people: RMLD, CAB, Karen Cotte of RW Beck, my family and me. Commissioners Hughes, Pacino and Burditt were registered for the conference. All five CAB members were registered for the conference. Hartnell Bartlett and wife were originally registered but later had to cancel.

The Board of Commissioners has historically encouraged members of the Commission and CAB to take along their spouses and children and have paid the conferences expenses involved. Such a practice was limited to the APPA National Conference and the NEPPA Annual Conference and also extended to the General Manager. The basis for this practice was to encourage the members to attend these critical meetings. Since the members are unpaid and usually work full time, they must take a vacation time to attend, the Board felt the least we could do is invite their spouses (and children, if applicable).

Morton's, O'Charley's and the Hard Cover

These gift certificates were purchased by our Manager of Projects to say thank you to our three major contractors who successfully designed, constructed and tested our new major $10.5 million dollar substation. The project came in under budget and very nearly on schedule. Without the success of the project, our customers very likely faced blackouts since we lacked sufficient transformer capacity to meet the anticipated summer electric load.

Hyatt Hotel Dinner

This dinner was for a legitimate business purpose - the formation and future planning of Energy New England, LLC Accounting decided to post it to our operating accounts. Subsequently, in conjunction with our auditors, the decision was to amortize this (and similar type of expenditures) over a five-year period. A change in accounting regulations later allowed us to accelerate these costs.

Footnote R of the 1999 audited financials of the RMLD states: "Effective for years beginning after December 15, 1998, Statement of Position 98-5 - Reporting on the Costs of Start-up Activities requires costs of start-up activities and organization costs to be expensed as they occur. Initial application of the SOP is reported as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. The proforma effects a retroactive application are not required to be reported. Start-up expenses incurred in fiscal year 1998 relating to a joint venture were being amortized over a five year period.

Mona's

According to our conference travel planning records, two CAB members attend the conference, Ken Mastrullo and John Corbett (one day only). I do not remember if they attended the dinner as well. Similarly, Commissioners Hughes (his companion, Judy, was registered for the conference), Pacino, Swyter (his wife and two sons were scheduled to attend, but later cancelled) and Burditt were registered for the conference. I believe all attended the dinner but I am not sure. RMLD staff at the conference included me, Ann Marie Brennick and Vincent Cameron (our other Assistant General Manager). My wife attended, as did my two daughters.

Braintree and Taunton conference attendees are traditionally invited to such dinners because of our close business affiliation over the years. I contacted Taunton and was told that the following people attended the conference (and thus presumably also attended dinner): Joseph Blain and his wife, Commissioner Treano, wife and daughter and, perhaps, Commissioner Medieros and wife. ENE (Energy New England) staff would also be invited since we own 25 percent of them.

Donatello's

For a number of years, I invited all those employees who directly reported to me to a lunch, paid for by the RMLD, at Donatello's Restaurant on Route 1. These employees would include two Assistant General Managers, the Manager of Projects, the Manager of Human Resources, the Public Relations Manager and her Assistant, the Executive Assistant and her Administrative Assistant. As a matter of courtesy, other administrative employees were invited if any of my direct reports felt there was a valid enough reason to. Not all such employees accepted or were available. All items were ordered off the menu.

I have found the original receipt. It states that Jean Foti, Ann Marie Brennick, Linda Bernat, Paula O'Leary, Priscilla Gottwald, Alma Ploof, Richard Murch, Mark Uvanni, Vincent Cameron, Jr. and I were at the luncheon. The average meal cost per employee, including taxes and tip was $27.99.

This practice started as a way to say thanks to this group. I had an overall philosophy that encouraged employees to communicate and meet outside of the office as one way to bring about a change in the culture of the organization. The RMLD had, at that time, too little turnover in staff and very little understanding of deregulation or competition. It also lets me gauge employees outside of the single dimension that occurs when I interact with them at the office, meetings, memos, etc. I need to understand them better as people in order to see their true potential for advancement and new challenges.

Cities, Washington DC

This dinner occurred while at the APPA (American Public Power Association) Legislative Rally in Washington DC. It had a clear business a purpose since all the attendees were senior managers or Commissioners of municipal light departments. The event occurs concurrently with the NEPPA Legislative Rally. For unknown reasons, the IG report leaves off the note on the credit card statement that shows that Commissioner Ames and Burditt were at the dinner along with our Public Relations Manager, Ann Marie Brennick.



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William E. Bennett Jr.

Retired from Western Electric, 41 year veteran of the Mass National Guard; 66

TEWKSBURY - William E. Bennett Jr., 66, died Sunday morning, Jan. 20, at Brigham and Women's Hospital after a brief illness. He was the husband of Marie L. (Boudreau-Hannah) Bennett, with whom he had celebrated a 16th wedding anniversary this past July 27th.

He was born in Boston, July 31, 1935, the son of William and Irene (DesMarais) Bennett, and lived in Arlington before moving to Tewksbury.

He retired from Western Electric's Watertown Service Center, where he had worked as a technician. He remained a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

He served in both the Mass. Air and Army National Guard. His first enlistment was for 31 years with the Air Wing of the Mass National Guard, where he was discharged as a Master Sergeant. He later re-enlisted in the Mass Army National Guard for an additional 10 years.

He was a communicant of St. William's Church in Tewksbury.

Besides his wife, he is survived by seven children, William E. and his wife Lori (McGlauflin) Bennett III of Methuen, Michael R. and his wife Linda Bennett of Fla., John C. Bennett, JoAnne M. and her husband Paul Grace all of Tewksbury, Ruth E. Ledoux of Whitefield, NH, Susan I. and her husband Gregory Brooks of Tenn., Robert J. and his wife Arati (Srinivasa) Bennett of Burlington, five step-children, James Hannah, Patrick and his wife Lynn (Bell) Hannah all of Manchester-by-the-sea, Robert N. and his wife Teri (McGreevy) Hannah of West Gloucester, Gail and her husband Aaron Blake of Eaton, NH, John Hannah of Gloucester, three sisters, Barbara Quill of Fla., Joan and her husband Joseph Arigo of Woburn, Nancy Long of Hooksett, NH, 26 grandchildren and one great grandson.

He was also husband of the late Ruth (Hughes) Bennett, who died in 1979.

His funeral was Wednesday at 9:00 a.m from the Tewksbury Funeral Home. Funeral Mass Wednesday at 10:00 a.m in St. William's Church, Tewksbury. Interment in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Arlington. Memorials to the Dana-Farber Cancer Research Institute, 44 Binney St. Boston, MA 02215, will be appreciated. Retired from Western Electric's Watertown Service Center. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Dorothy H. DeMarais

Retired from Tewksbury's North St. School; 81

TEWKSBURY - Dorothy H. (Hillier) DeMarais, 81, a well known resident of Tewksbury, died Monday afternoon, Jan. 14, at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, surrounded by her family. She was the wife of Norman J. DeMarais, with whom she had celebrated a 60th wedding anniversary this past July 20th.

She was born in Tewksbury, July 16, 1920, a daughter of the late Charles and Mary J. (Marsh) Hillier. She was raised in Watertown, Mass., and graduated Watertown High School in 1938. She returned to Tewksbury 57 years ago.

She was retired from the Tewksbury School Department's lunch program, having worked at the North Street School cafeteria for 28 years.

Throughout her life she remained active at St. William's Parish, and was a member of the church's Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality.

In her earlier years, she was active in the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary in Tewksbury, and also worked voter registration at the polls for the Town of Tewksbury.

In her later years, she was extremely active at the Tewksbury Senior Drop-in Center. She enjoyed crafts at the Sr. Center, and was a frequent traveler on senior outings and senior trips.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Norman DeMarais of Tewksbury, a member of the faculty at the Parker Middle School in Chelmsford, one daughter, Nancy A. Rivet of Westford, employed by Edward Connolly Insurance Agency in Westford, two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ann and her husband Robert LaRochelle of CT and Mary "Mae" Chisholm of Watertown, three grandchildren, Jennifer and her husband David Heller of MD, Melissa Rivet of Brighton, Theodore "T.J." and his wife Beth (Magnuson) Rivet of Lowell, 4 great grandchildren, Jake and Abbey Heller, Jack and Ben Rivet, and her dearest friends, Judith and Len Smith of Tewksbury and their children, Joseph Smith of Methuen, Lori Bergquist of Royalston, Sara Corbin of Marlboro, and many nieces and nephews and long time friends.

She was also sister of the late Charles S. Hillier.

Her funeral was Saturday at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was Saturday in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Route 38) Tewksbury. Interment in Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorials to the charity of donor's choice will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Joanne W. MacDonald

worked at Market Basket; originator of Wilmington Youth Hockey Mom's Club ; former Den Mother for Cub Scouts

WILMINGTON - Joanne W. (Walmsley) MacDonald, 48 of Lawrence Street, Wilmington died January 17, 2002.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, July 21, 1953, she came to Wilmington from Woburn 25 years ago. She was educated in Westfield High School.

Joanne belonged to the Wilmington Sons of Italy Bowling League for many years. She was a former Den Mother for Cub scouts in Wilmington; belonged to the Guild of St. William at St. John's Prep in Danvers and originated the Wilmington Youth Hockey Mom's Club.

She was employed as POS Coordinator and MarketBasket.

She was the wife of Laurence A. MacDonald; mother of Brian J. MacDonald and Jennifer L. MacDonald of Wilmington; daughter of George and Joanne (Worst) Walmsley of Newbury. PA; sister of Lt. Colonel Robin Walmsley USAF of Bristow, VA., Scott Walmsley of Canajoharie, NY; Denise Rhodes of Rutland, VT and Sheila Johnson of Fairhaven, VT.

She is also survived by her grandchildren Kristi and Dylan MacDonald as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 22 from Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., No. Reading, followed by a mass at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Woburn and cremation at Linwood Crematory.

Donations may be made in Joanne's memory to Visiting Nurse Assn., of Middlesex East and Visiting Nurse Hospice, 607 North Ave. Suite 17, Wakefield, MA 01880.

Frances Papaleo

...Saint William's Parish in Tewksbury; 81

TEWKSBURY - Mrs. Frances (Cocco) Papaleo, 81, died Monday morning, Jan. 14, at the Blairehouse of Tewksbury's rehabilitation center. She was the wife of Anthony F. Papaleo, with whom she had celebrated a 61st wedding anniversary this past July 7th.

She was born in Charlestown, a daughter of the late Tito and Susan Mary (Iacoviello) Cocco, but had resided in Tewksbury for the past 44 years.

She was a communicant of St. William's Parish in Tewksbury.

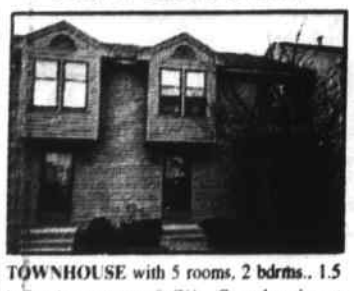
Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia and her husband Walter Marcinkewich of Tewksbury, Jeanette Friedman of Billerica, a son-in-law, Warren Anderson of Somerville, two sisters, Phyllis Reid of Woburn, Eleanor "Lee" Bartlett of Pelham, NH, a sister-in-law, Carol Cocco of Tewksbury sister of the late Theresa Thys, Eugene Cocco, and Nicholas Cocco, 15 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

She was also mother of the late Joseph Papaleo who died in 1987, and Marie Anderson who died last July.

Her funeral was Thursday at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, cor. of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) TEWKSBURY CENTER, phone (800 or 978) 851 2950. Funeral Mass was Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main st. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Interment in Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorials to the American Lung Assn. 5 Mountain Rd. Burlington, MA 01803 will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

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Frederick L. Robbins Jr.

WHS class of '56; 42 years in aerospace industry; responsible for several inventions

SANTA ROSA, CA, - Frederick L. Robbins, Jr. formerly of Wilmington, died in Santa Rosa, Sunday January 13, 2002 at the age of 63.

He was the father of Andrea M., Lorinda A. and Christine Robbins; grandfather of Haley E. Robbins; brother of Richard Robbins, Evelyn Robbins and Debbrah Robbins. He is also survived by his former wife, Patricia A. Marshall.

A native of Lynn and a resident of Sonoma County for five years, he graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1956. He was a graduate of UMass Lowell where he earned his BA degree. He also attended Sonoma State University; was a graduate of Northeastern University where he earned his MA degree and was a PhD candidate at Northeastern University.

He was a veteran of the US. Marine Corps with the rank of Corporal while serving in the Mediterranean. Mr. Robbins was a retired aerospace engineer who was employed by various firms and was highly successful for 42 years. While working in the aerospace industry he was responsible for several inventions of which two were patented; a Gyro Damping Compensator from Raytheon and a Blind Pointer System from NASA

A memorial service was scheduled for Sunday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m. aboard the New Sea Angler with the scattering of the ashes at a sunset ceremony at Bodega Bay. Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Robbins' name to the American Cancer Society, Santa Rosa Unit 1451 Guerneville Road, Suite 220, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95403. Arrangements were under the direction of the Daniels Chapel of the Roses Funeral Home and Crematory.

George E. Shepard, Jr.

40 years w/ Wilmington Police Dept.; member of Middlesex Retirement Board and Brotherhood of Police Officers

WILMINGTON - George E. Shepard, Jr., "Bo-Bo," son of George Edward Shepard and Anna (Sheehan) Shepard of Wilmington died peacefully on January 19, 2002.

George is a retired Detective Sgt. of 40 years for the Wilmington Police Department and served the country proudly with the United States Navy as a Signalman Second Class aboard PC 568 during the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944 in WW II. He was a member of the Middlesex Retirement Board and a member of the Brotherhood of Police Officers.

He is survived by his best friend and beloved wife Doris (Mullane) Shepard; his sons Jon C. Shepard and his wife Annmarie of Wilmington and Jamie W. Shepard and his wife Caramia of Marlboro; his daughters Jocelyn Shepard Gentile and her husband Thomas of Lynnfield and Jennifer Shepard of Boston; his brother Dr. William B. Shepard of DE; and his four loving grandchildren, Cameron Shepard and Zachary Shepard of Wilmington, Tristan Shepard and Brigitta Shepard of Marlboro.

His funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rte. 38) Wilmington Wednesday morning followed by a funeral mass at St. Thomas Church and interment in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

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Obituaries

Lucielle J. Firneno

Active in Tewksbury politics; 73

TEWKSBURY - Lucille J. "Luci" (Cassidy) Firneno, 73, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell after suffering an apparent heart attack at home. She was the wife of Michael R. Firneno, with whom she had celebrated a 53rd wedding anniversary this past April 17th.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY, Dec. 14, 1928, a daughter of the late Charles and Louise (Avolino) Cassidy. She was raised in Brooklyn, and lived in Watertown, Mass. before moving to Tewksbury 36 years ago.

Mrs. Firneno was a communicant of St. William's Parish in Tewksbury.

In earlier years, she was active in school programs in both Watertown and Tewksbury. She was a candidate for School Committee member in the 1970's in Tewksbury, and was also active in the League of Women Voters in Tewksbury.

She was a former employee of the I.R.S. in Andover.

During her lifetime, she enjoyed golf, ten pin bowling, bingo, and in her later years, trips to the Foxwoods casino in Connecticut.

Besides her husband, she is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Patricia A. Powers of Lowell, Carol B. and her husband Douglas White of Derry, NH, Suzanne M. and her husband Joseph Russell of Tewksbury, Michelle C. and her husband John Iwanicki of Tewksbury, Stacie R. and her husband James O'Connor of Derry, NH, one son and two daughters-in-law, Charles S. and his wife Carol Firneno of New Orleans, LA, and Kathy (Dubois) Firneno of Lowell, 20 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and his wife Ruth (Burns) Cassidy of Belmont, Mass., a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and her husband Thomas Neylon of Waltham, six beloved sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

She was also mother of the late Jack C. Firneno, and Jude Firneno, and sister of the late Patricia Edgar.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday in St. William's Church followed by burial in Saint Mary's Cemetery, No. Tewksbury. Memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 120 Wall St. NY,NY 10005 will be appreciated. Arrangements were through the Tewksbury Funeral Home.

Joseph W. Tierney

Former Postal worker; 59

TEWKSBURY - Joseph W. Tierney, 59, died Dec. 28, at the Tewksbury Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Cambridge, son of Joseph and Jean (Dombrowski) Tierney. He lived in Bedford, Mass. the greater part of his life.

During the Vietnam War, he served in the US Navy.

He was employed by the US Postal Service in Boston as a mail handler.

He is survived by one sister, Sandra J. Lauer of San Raphael, CA, and aunt and uncle, Frank and Gloria (Hall) Dombrowski of Gilmanton, NH, and several cousins.

His Funeral Mass was held Saturday, Jan. 10, in the Chapel at Tewksbury Hospital. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, W. Roxbury. Memorials to the Tewksbury Hospital "Bus Fund" 365 East St. Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be appreciated. Arrangements were through the Tewksbury Funeral Home, phone (800 or 978) 851 2950. www.tewksbury-funeralhome.com

Reading Registry is in holding pattern

By JIM HAGGERTY

READING - The Registry of Motor Vehicles was supposed to close its Reading office, conveniently located on Salem Street just off Route 128, around this time last year.

But, a year later, it's still there.

The Registry in Reading is used by many motorists from Wilmington.

"We're kind of in a holding pattern," Dave Shaw, a Registry spokesman said recently. The Registry has a month-to-month lease for the Reading site as the landlord and another party argue in court.

"The Registry is not a party" to the dispute, Shaw said.

In addition to Reading, the office serves a host of area communities including Woburn, Winchester, Wilmington, Wakefield, North Reading, Burlington and others.

According to Shaw, the Registry's official position is that "we want to stay there in Reading."

That may be the case, but with a month-to-month lease and no alternative location on the horizon, it appears the Registry is ready to decamp and close that office at any time. Officials said there was a chance the office would be closed and employees transferred to other Registry facilities such as the one in Malden. (This recently happened with the Registry facility in the Danvers Mall in Danvers.)

But, as Registry officials said this week, "It's a case of being in a holding pattern."

This time last year, Registrar Daniel Grabauskas told the Daily Times Chronicle the moving date "would probably be at the end of February 2001." (Grabauskas is leaving his post at the Registry next week after declaring on Wednesday that he is a Republican candidate for state treasurer.)

About 18 months ago, as the Registry's lease on space in the building, sometimes referred to as the "REI building," was getting set to expire, and the state Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) sought new space through a request for proposals (RFP).

The proposal request was for "approximately 8,300 square feet of Office/Customer Service space in Reading, North Reading, Burlington, Wilmington or Woburn for a five year period."

Two proposals were submitted, state officials said, both for space in Woburn. One was for 8,700 square feet in the Woburn Mall at 300 Mishawum Road, submitted by Urban Retail Properties, with offices in Boston; and the other was for 8,300 square feet in East Woburn at One Merrill Street, submitted by Cummings Properties, not far from the old East Woburn Registry (an area to the rear of Polcari's).

A spokesperson for the Division of Capital Asset Management reported at the time that the two proposals were both being studied with respect to their meeting the needs of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The Reading office is one of the busiest in the state and serves a wide area. However, both proposals were rejected.

At the time, Grabauskas said, "We would have loved to stay in Reading, but the reality is we're being evicted."

"We are excited about the possibility of returning to Woburn," he added, noting its central location to communities served.

The object, said Grabauskas, is to have the property owners needs and our needs meet. "Cost will be a major consideration," he said.

Also at one point, the state was looking seriously at a soon-to-be-built structure in North Reading at the Wal-Mart complex on Route 28. However, state officials said a complete study indicated that it would not meet their needs and they went out looking for sites again.

The Reading Registry is used for license and registration renewals, as well as road testing, and is a well-known facility to any area motorist. The Registry of Motor Vehicles had moved there from a site in East Woburn off Route 93 on Montvale Avenue.

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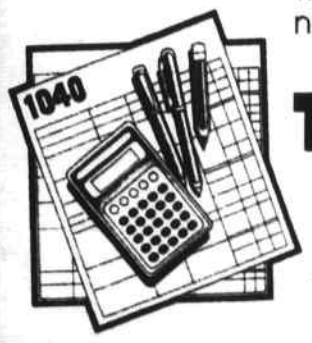
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Tewksbury Library Story Hours

TEWKSBURY - Storyhours have been going splendidly in the children's Room at Tewksbury Public Library, an will continue this month, except for the week of school vacation, February 18-22. The schedule is as follows: Story Hour for Grades K-2 on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.; February 5, 12 and 26. Toddler Story Hour for ages 18 to 36 months on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., February 6, 13, and 27. Preschool Story Hour for three to five-year-olds Thursdays at 10 a.m., February 7, 14 and 28. Please note at this time, there is no registration required. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. An adult is expected to stay with any child under the age of five.

We will have two crafts for preschoolers, ages three to five years during the month of February. On Monday, February 11 at 10 a.m. we will have a Valentine craft program where we will create valentines. Registration begins February 4. On Monday, February 25 at 2 p.m. join us for a Windy Day craft, where we will be making pinwheels. Registration begins February 19. Both crafts are limited to 15 children. An adult is expected to stay with any child under the age of five.

On Saturday, February 9 at 3 p.m. children and adults of all ages are invited to Music Appreciation Day in the meeting room. Come listen to music from jazz to Broadway, presented by the Greater Lowell Music Teachers Association.

School vacation week is February 18-22, and the Children's Room has programs for school age children lined up. We are closed Monday, February 18 to observe Presidents' Day. On Tuesday, Feb. 19 we will be having Presidential Game Day for grades two through six in the library Craft Room. The game schedule is as follows:

10 a.m., is the President's Musical Chairs; 11 a.m. is Presidential Bingo; 2 p.m. is the President's Cat game and 3 p.m. is Presidential Hangman. No registration is necessary for Game Day.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, we will have a Bookmark making Workshop for grades K-6 at 3 p.m. in the Craft Room. On Thursday, Feb. 21, Mask Making will be the craft of the day for grades K-6 at 11 a.m. in the craft room.

Both crafts are limited to 15 children and can be register for in advance beginning Feb. 13 by calling 978-640-4480 x 204 or stopping by the children's Room. On Friday, Feb. 22, we will have a storytelling program with storyteller Jennifer Blum, for grades K to 6. Registration for this program will begin February 13.

Check for more children's programs and information at the library's website: http://www.tewksburypl.org/childrensroom.htm.

For more information contact Noelle Couture at 978-640-4490 x 204.



PRIZE-WINNING TEE-SHIRT. Wilmington resident Victoria Mendelsohn, right, who is a fourth grader at the North Intermediate School, was recently awarded a $75 savings bond for creating the winning design in a tee-shirt contest sponsored by the Reading Municipal Light Department. At right is Victoria's art teacher, Ms. Holly Gill. (Courtesy photo)

Wilmington Datebook

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LaLeche League of Wilmington meets at Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St. on the second Friday of each month starting at 10 a.m. Call 978-657-8301.

Second Thurs: of each month, 8 p.m., Wil. Minutemen Company meet at Headquarters, at the rear of Harnden Tavern, Woburn Street, near the corner of Rt. 62 in No. Wilmington. Meetings are open to any man or woman interested in local history.

All day, every day: Free blood pressure clinic at Wilmington Fire Station; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends included. No appointment necessary.

Tues., Thurs: Evenings at 7 and Friday at 10 a.m., Internet classes at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 658-2967.

LaLeche League Of Wilmington is a non-profit organization offering breast- feeding support and information through monthly meetings open to pregnant and nursing mothers from Wilmington and surrounding towns. Meetings are held at Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St., Wilmington, the second Friday of each month starting at 10 a.m. Call 978-694-1012.

Thursday evenings at 7:30: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsal at Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62 (Middlesex Ave.) Wilmington. Call 978-851-7764.

Sat., Jan. 26: 2 to 4 p.m., peabody branch of Big Sister Assoc open house at 47-49 Central St., Peabody. Call 978-531-8040.

Sat, Jan. 26: 7 p.m., Contra Dance with Tony Saletan, caller at Unitarian Universalist Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading; live music, sit-in musicians welcome. Call 781-229-9394, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 28: 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rep. Jim Miceli office hours in the small conference room at Wil. Town Hall.

Tues., Jan. 29: 7 to 8 p.m., Wil Youth Hockey clinic signups at the rink. Call 617-970-1893.

Sat., Feb. 2: 2 p.m., Democrats in Wilmington to hold caucus at Legion Hall, Bay Street, to elect 12 delegates and six alternates to Mass. Dem. Convention. Call 617-472-0637.

Sat., Feb. 2: 8 p.m., Wilmington Band Parents with Wil. Sons of Italy Night of Comedy at Shriners' Auditorium. Call 978-657-8574 or 978-373-1937.

Tues., Feb. 5: 7 p.m., Friends of Wil. Memorial Library present the United Methodist Church Bell Choir in a concert of winter songs. Refreshments provided by the Friends. Call 978-658-2967.

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First Thursday: Of Each month, 7 p.m., Shawsheen River Watershed Assoc. meets at Blair House, Erlin Terrace. Call 978-686-7050.

Second and fourth Wed.: The Tewksbury Chapter of the American Chronic Pain Assoc. meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Call 978-640-9497 for information.

Third Sat., of each month: Good Will Industries at Tewks. DPW from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect computers and tvs. Donation of $5 will be requested.

Signup for Girl Scouts by calling Joyce at 978-640-8925 or email phamlyn@mediaone.net.

Every Thurs.: Al-Anon meeting at St. William's Church basement, Main St., Tewksbury; 7:30 p.m. Call Dottie at 978-851-7655.

Every Thurs.: Pre-Alateen meeting, 6:15 every Thursday at St. William's Church (basement), 1351 Main St., Tewks. Ages Six-12. Call Dottie at 979-851-7655.

Now-Apr. 7: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., John J. Moakley: In Service to His Country, an exhibit drawn from the papers of the late congressman in the Gallery at Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont St., Boston. Call 617-573-8508.

Thurs., Jan. 24: Tewks. Seniors day trip to Foxwood.

Fri., Jan. 25: 2:30 p.m., Senior Center activities meeting to be held in the main hall. All interested seniors invited.

Sats., Jan. 26: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at TMHS gym hallway. Tewks. Girls Softball League final registration dates for the 2002 regular season.

Sat., Jan. 26: 7 p.m. to midnight, Tewks. Rod & Gun Club Annual Game Supper. Call 978-858-0959.

Tues., Jan. 29: 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rep. Jim Miceli office hours in the kitchen at Tewks. Town Hall.

Tues., Jan. 29: 7 to 8 p.m., Sen. Sue Tucker office hours at Tewks. Pub. Lib. Call 617-722-1612.

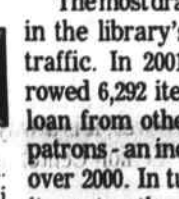
Mon., Feb. 4: 8 p.m., Classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation begin at St. William's School. Call 978-851-9546.

Sun., Feb. 10: Tewks. Seniors off to Rogers Center at Merrimack College for a Valentine's Day Concert by the Andover Chamber Music Series Outreach Program.

Fri., Feb. 15: Senior Center Valentine Dance will honor those who celebrated their 50th (or more) wedding anniversary last year.

March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Kindergarten registration at all Tewksbury elementary Schools.

March 7: All four Tewks. elementary schools open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for kindergarten registration.



Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

A glimpse at the library in 2001

WILMINGTON - What follows are some annual statistics that confirm that the library was a busy place in 2001:

Number of visits to the library; 118,437

Number of visits to the library web site; 8,190.

Number of new library patrons; 991

Number of items that were borrowed; 179,932

Number of reference questions; 12,437

Number of library programs; 224

Attendance at library programs; 5,172.

The most dramatic increase was in the library's interlibrary loan traffic. In 2001, the library borrowed 6,292 items on interlibrary loan from other libraries for our patrons - an increase of 63 percent over 2000. In turn we loaned 6,985 items to other libraries for their patrons - an increase of 55 percent over 2000.

The annual circulation statistic of 179,932 is a six percent increase over 2000 and a 20 percent increase since 1996. Kudos to all the staff who checked out, checked in, and efficiently shelved all these items!

Lord of the Ring websites

If you have read the book and seen the movie, checkout these web sites to learn more about J.R.R. Tolkien and "Lord of the Rings."

Tolkien in Oxford: www.irrtolkien.org.uk./homepage.htm British site with all kinds of information about J.R.R. Tolkien, creator of Middle Earth and The Lord of the Rings, and his life in Oxford.

Encyclopedia of Arda: www.glyphweb.com/arda/ An interactive guide to the works of J.R.R. Tolkien.

The Tolkien Society: www.tolkiensociety.org Information from the British Association devoted to Tolkien's work.

The Lord of the Rings: www.lordoftherings.net Official site for he movie.

Lord of the Rings Movie Links: www.lotr-movie.com Unofficial fan site with lots of information on the movie.

Preschool Computer

Some of the most savvy computer users who visit the library can be found at the preschool computer workstation located in the hallway outside the children's room. There is age appropriate software for children ages two to six that is educational and entertaining available on this PC. Children are invited to try award winning I Spy Junior just added to the selection of software available on the PC computer. I Spy Junior engages children with over 70 clever picture riddles, puzzles and games while strengthening important early learning skills in rhyming, pattern recognition, and classification. This preschool workstation was funded by the Community Partnerships for Children Grant.

Kids book discussion

Which Witch? By Eva Ibbotson has been chosen for the next Book Discussion meeting to be held Friday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. All are invited to participate.

New books in the adult dept.

The Seige by Helen Dunmore

The Millionaires by Brad Meltzer

A Cold Spring by Edra Ziesk

Rosco by William Kennedy

The Oath by John Lescroart

Help! There's a Toddler in my House by Nancy Kelly

Revere Beach Elegy: A Memoir of Home and Beyond by Roland Merullo

Secret Code of the Superior Investor: How to be a Long-Term Winner in a Short Term Time by James K. Glassman

Tell Me What to Eat if I Have Acid Reflux: Nutrition You Can Live With by Elaine Magee

Lazy B by Sandra Day O'Connor.

WCTV holding "Youth Outreach" events

WILMINGTON - WCTV Youth Outreach Events for the winter and spring of 2002 have been announced:

Video Explorers:

Video Explorers offers a fun after school environment for students of the Wilmington Middle School to learn all about video production. The Video Explorers meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1:45 to 3:30 throughout the school year. For more information call 978-657-4066 or email Bob Carbone at wctvrob @hotmail.com.

Video Vacation Camp

Once again WCTV presents the famous Video Vacation Camp. Over the course of a week, the WCTV staff, will teach you all about video production. It all takes place at WCTV studio. Come on down and have some fun while you learn something new. Students ages 10 and up are welcome. Registration fee is $10 for a WCTV membership. If you're already a member, it is free. Please register soon, however, because space is limited.

February Video Vacation Camp takes place the week of Feb. 18-22, which is school vacation week. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in which lunch will be provided.

WCTV is also offering Video Vacation Camp during the week of April Vacation and during the summer of 2002. Spaces are limited in each session of Video Vacation Camp, so please register early. For more information please call 978-657-4066, or email Rob Carbone at wctvrob@hotmail.com.



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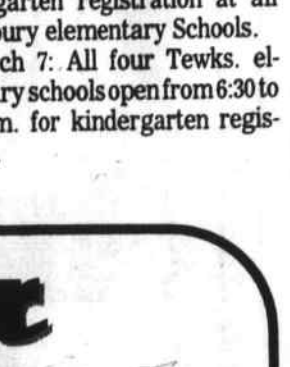
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SNOWBOUND. Nine-year-old Wilmington resident Kiera Kohlman enjoyed sledding down the hill behind WCTV on Middlesex Avenue after Saturday night's snowstorm left plenty of quality snow all over the land on Sunday, January 20. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Seniors to plan events for 2002

TEWKSBURY - An activities meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 25, at 2:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the main hall and will focus on scheduling the events of 2002! All interested seniors are invited to attend.

We remind Tewksbury residents that Pat Dumont instructs an evening Yoga class each Tuesday except the second Tuesday of each month. This class focuses on stress management and relaxation. In this class all Yoga exercises may be done in a chair. There will be a $10 fee for a 10 week semester. For more information, call Carol or Linda at the Senior Center, 978-640-4480 or drop by Tuesday evening. At present this class is being held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. It is open to all residents. Yes, even those who may want to stop by on their way home from work!

A new stained glass semester will begin January 30. The cost of an eight week semester is $50. Additional costs would be the class used. All other equipment is supplied. Classes are held as follows: the first from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and he second from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. At present there is space available in the first class.

Quilting classes will resume Wednesday, January 30 at 9 a.m. and on Friday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. Participants will now be charged a fee of $40 for the 10 week semester. All participants are asked to sign up and obtain a list of needed supplies for each class.

A trip has been planned for Sunday, February 10, when seniors will travel to the Rogers Center at Merrimack College to enjoy a Valentine's Day concert by the Andover Chamber Music Series (ACMS) Outreach Program. This program is available to a select few Senior Centers offering a discount price on orchestra seats.

The cost will be $20 ($16 for tickets and $4 toward the bus). As noted the event will be held Sunday, February 10 at 4 p.m. with the bus leaving the Senior Center at 3:15. Home pickup will be available for this trip. Space on this trip is limited, so don't wait too long to sign up if you are interested in attending.

Again we remind you that, our Senior Center Band, the Silver Tones, meet every Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 4 to practice. They have played here at the center and at a few other locations and are sounding really great. They welcome new band members and are especially looking for someone who plays the trombone. If you are not doing anything on Wednesday, why not go on down and listen to them practice.

The Senior center Valentine Dance will be held Friday, February 15. It will include a buffet and dancing. As many of you know, at this dance we honor all those special Tewksbury couples who have reached their 50th wedding anniversary in the last year or 50+ anniversary and have never been our guests. So, if you are one of these special couples or know of such a couple, please contact Carol Hazel or Linda Brabant. We already have five couples in mind, there must be several more. We ask that you please forward this information to us by February 1.

A trip to Lantana's in Randolph is being planned for March 11 when the Best of Times will hold an Irish Bash. The cost of this trip will be $53 and includes motorcoach transportation, lunch and some wonderful entertainment.

During the winter months we do not schedule many day trips. However, if you have a suggestion on a trip which isn't too far from Tewksbury, we will be more than happy to consider it. Please drop off your ideas in the suggestion box at the front desk of the Senior Center.

We remind seniors that during snow storms, the rule of thumb is that programs are cancelled if there is no school. However, it is always best to call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480 to check before venturing out in the snow.

A pleasant week is wished to all. God Bless America.

Senior Net computer class registration

Calling all older adults who want to learn how to use their computer.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Senior Net Computer Lab is accepting registration for their March classes. Classes offered include Introduction to Computers, a prerequisite to all other classes: Windows; Graphics; Internet; and Word Processing.

The Senior Net Computer Lab, designed specifically for adult learners, offers a comfortable setting to learn computer skills. Classes are limited to five students with an instructor and a coach. Each session is eight weeks with classes scheduled for either mornings or afternoons. Elder Services is conveniently located off Route 495, Lawrence, with ample parking: There is a small fee for the computer classes.

For more information, call 978-373-8399.

Area Datebook

La Leche l eague of Billerica offers monthly support meetings for pregnant and nursing mothers. Call 978-670-1300.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Mass. is conducting a car campaign to support their program. Call 1-800-720-6233 for information.

Lowell Y Preschool; Is now accepting registration for their fall programs. Children must be at least two years and nine months old to attend. Call 978-454-7825.

Skin Screenings; Skin cancer is the most common cancer, but most forms are easily treated if detected early. Lahey's Dept. of Dermatology offers free skin screenings for the public, by appointment only. Call 781-744-8979.

Sacred Choral Artists: a 40 member choral ensemble celebrating the beauty and artistry of sacred music, is seeking new members. All parts welcome to audition. Rehearsals Monday evenings in Haverhill. Call 781-665-9245; www.sacredchoralartists.org.

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Fourth Mon. of each month, Adoptive support group for pre and post adoptive families at Billerica Boys & Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Tuesdays: 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., seniors 55 and older full course meals and periodic health awareness programs at Lahey Clinic Medical Center's cafeteria Call 781-744-3414.

Every Sunday Brunch, all you can eat buffet at No. Reading Moose Lodge, 140 North Street. Call 978-664-8561.

Mon-Fri: Lowell Association for the Blind needs volunteers who can join the LAB Talking Information Center Radio Reading Service to read and record news. Call 978-454-5704 Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mon & Wed., 9 to 10 a.m., Lowell Boys Club offers water aerobics. Call 458-4526.

Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs: 7 to 9 p.m., Childbirth classes at Winchester Hospital. Call 781-756-4700.

For information: regarding Winchester Hospital's Senior Health Partnership's Walking Program for seniors, call 781-756-4774.

Adoption Center: Information and support each fourth Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Billerica Boys and Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Swim Lessons: At the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Billerica. Register now. Class size is limited. Call 978-667-2193 or stop by the club at 19 Campbell Road.

Mons./Thurs.: 10 a.m. to noon, Family Connection at Pawtucket Congregational Church, Mammoth Rd., Lowell. Includes information, friendship, fun and recreation to parents of young children in Greater Lowell. Call 957-5484.

Winter session of Easter Seals adapted swim program for children with disabilities opens at Burbank YMCA, Reading. Call 1-800-244-2756 x 426.

Now-Apr. 7: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. John J. Moakley: In Service to His Country, an exhibit drawn from the papers of the late congressman in the Gallery at Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont St., Boston. Call 617-573-8508.

Now-Apr. 25: DivorceCare (TM) recovery seminar and support group meets at First Baptist Church, Reading every Thursday.

Sat., Jan. 26: at Unitarian/Universalist Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading. The Ivy Chord presents a Contra Dance with caller Tony Saletan. 7 p.m., beginners' workshop; 7:30 to 10:30, dancing for all ages six and up; call 781-944-3876.

Sat., Feb. 2: Third annual Alumni Award dinner of Sacred Heart School, at Lowell Lodge of Elks. Call 978-453-3692.

Feb. 9: College bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on February 9, the next nationwide test date. Access www.act.org.

Sun., Feb. 10: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., "Rail-a-Rama XXXIII" at Ramada Rolling Green, 311 Lowell St., Andover. Call 617-3651-4445.

Feb. 11-March 15: North Reading Baseball School Pre-Season Diagnostic Hitting Camp. Call 978-664-7804 x 260.

Feb. 16: Heart Ball at the Westford Regency. Call 1-888-970-6933.



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New Business Incorporations in Tewksbury December 2001

DECEMBER 20

Winphoria Networks Security Corp., 3 Highwood Dr., Tewksbury. Michael Champa, 20 Windsor Way, Weston, president; John Canepa, 43 Hillcrest Rd., Belmont, treasurer; Shamim Naqvi, 150 Huntington Ave., SA2, Boston, clerk. To deal in securities in its own behalf and not as a broker.

DECEMBER 21

The Law Office of Patrick Shanley, P.C., 1147 Main St., Ste. 212, Tewksbury. Patrick Shanley, same, president, treasurer and clerk. To engage in the practice of law.

New Business Incorporations in Wilmington December 2001

DECEMBER 11

D & D Connections, Inc., 21A Concord St., Wilmington. Edward L. Dinneen, 4 Fort Hill Ave., Ext., York Beach, ME, president, treasurer and clerk. Timothy J. Dinneen, 74 Farmland Rd., Lowell, clerk. (Nonprofit) To conduct educational, scientific and research activities relating to anatomical gifts to the medical community in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, etc.

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RMLD General Manager
Leonard Rucker outlines

Actions taken in light of Inspector General's report

RMLD Re: Inspector General's Report

As you may be aware, the Massachusetts Inspector General recently released a report that made certain allegations regarding credit card reimbursement and various spending practices about the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD). In order to make you aware of the ongoing activities related to this issue, I am writing you to update you on the review process that is underway and RMLD's response to this point.

First of all, please be assured that we take these allegations very seriously. My goal is to operate the best-managed municipal utility in the state for our customers.

I feel that it is very important to share with you - the community and our customers - the immediate corrective actions that we took within the department upon reviewing the IG's report and is contents. These actions include:

√ Freezing all credit card and petty cash expenditures.

√ Carefully analyzing and revising all credit card and travel expense policies.

√ Mandating that no RMLD funds be spent on alcohol, in any form, by any employee, whether union or management.

√ Requiring that all backup data for payroll and Accounts Payable warrants be forwarded to the Town of Reading along with the warrant, whether requested or not.

√Agreeing to pay for the services of an independent auditor to review all allegations.

At a public meeting of our Board of Light Commissioners on December 17, I proposed, and the Board approved, a number of revisions to these and other RMLD interim policies that will allow us to take steps towards restoring trust and returning to normal business operation:

- Cash advances are no longer available.
- Employees must adhere to a per diem expense account for meals; the "all receipts" 100% reimbursement policy has been eliminated.
- Entertainment expenses are no longer available.
- Employees will be reimbursed for their approved cash or personal credit card charges for travel expenses through the weekly accounts payable cycle. No petty cash reimbursements will be issued.
- Only the Materials Manager and the MIS Manager will be permitted to use an RMLD credit card for purchases of materials, equipment and supplies necessary for business operation.

While these actions significantly impact the operation of our business, I reviewed these as necessary interim steps to protect the integrity of RMLD.

All of the Inspector General's allegations are now being formally investigated by an appointed task force comprised of two members of our Board of Light Commissioners, two members from the Reading Board of Selectmen, two members from the Reading Finance Committee, as well as a member of the RMLD Citizens' Advisory Board. This group is charged with not only reviewing all of the allegations, but also recommending, if appropriate, modifications to our existing expense reimbursement policies and procedures. We are committed to full cooperation with the task force as they review and analyze all pertinent information. Should the task force identify any inappropriate reimbursements, the responsible parties within RMLD will be asked to repay the monies immediately.

The Board of Light Commissioners has also requested that I provide documentation to address each of the allegations contained in the Inspector General's report. The deadline for submitting this information to the Commissioners is January 28. I have already begun gathering this information, and plan to have it to them prior to the deadline. As you can imagine, I am eager to resolve these issues as quickly as possible to the satisfaction of our Commissioners, Citizens' Advisory Committee, customers, service territories and employees.

I must acknowledge, however, that I believe some of the allegations of misconduct do not take into adequate consideration the context in which the actions were taken. I therefore consider it appropriate to explain in as much detail as necessary how these activities positively impact RMLD's operations and our customers.

I will continue to communicate with you throughout this process. However, please feel free to contact me at 781-942-6412 if you have any additional questions. Thank you very much for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,
Leonard Rucker
General Manager

RMLD responds to Inspector General's allegations

The Inspector General issued a report on the Reading Municipal Light Department. Specifically, it focused on 'credit card and certain other spending practices.'

A separate professional auditor hired by either the town of Reading or the RMLD Board of Commissioners will review their report. The RMLD is compiling all the needed documentation to allow this process to move forward. This data will be provided to the RMLD Commission by the January 28, 2002 date requested.

Completely independent from that effort, this interim document is a summary level rebuttal of a number of findings. It has been prepared at the request of the Chairman of the RMLD Board of Commissioners.

While this report is preliminary and not comprehensive, I believe it covers the bulk of the items referenced in the Inspector Generals Report. We are continuing to work on the comprehensive report already requested by the Commission.

Unfettered use of Credit Cards

The IG says we have permitted 'unfettered' use of RMLD issued credit cards. This is not true. The RMLD created its first written policy controlling credit card use on March 14, 1990. This original policy was created with direct input from Reading town officials (town manager, town treasurer and town accountant). The policy has been revised five times since.

Per Diem Policy

The IG says the RMLD does not have a per diem rate policy capping the amounts permissible for business purposes. This is not true. RMLD Policy 5 created a fixed per diem structure on September 15, 1990. Per Diem was originally capped at $30. In 2001, it is $40. Per Diem can be adjusted if justified when compared to Department of Defense data (www.dtic.mil).

Commission Review of Employee Travel

The IG says their report reveals the need for a review of the frequency of employee travel by the Board of Commissioners. The Commission, with input from the four towns Citizens Advisory Board, approves the annual operating budget. Since 1998, we budget an average of $236,946 annually for employee education and travel expenses. We spend an average of $168,060 of the budgeted amount. All travel by the Commission and General Manager is discussed at public meeting.

General Manger Out of State Travel

The IG states that the General Manager is out of state for extended days at least once a month almost every month. While I have engaged in extensive business travel, such travel was with the approval and encouragement of the Commission and was and is designed to implement the Commission's policy to run the RMLD in a business like manner.

With permission of the Commission, I have long had a public and active involvement in the issues of our industry. I have served on the NEPPA (Northeast Public Power Association) Board of Directors, in every one of the officer positions (including President for two years) and still serve on the Executive Committee of the Board. I have also served on the Annual Conference Committee and the Legislative Committee. These positions take time out of the office and, occasionally, time while in the office. Since NEPPA serves six states and represents all of municipally owned utilities, its meetings are routinely moved throughout New England. The entire 21 member Board sets the location and timing of the meetings. These roles require about six meetings per year.

Again with permission of the Commission, I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the American Public Power Association (APPA). I have twice served on the Executive Committee. These roles require three to six trips a year. Additionally, I have served as the Chairman of a national task force and currently serve as a member on a new task force. This association represents 2000 municipally owned electric utilities throughout the nation. It concentrates on federal legislation and processes (all utilities must argue transmission and other subjects before federal agencies). It also concentrates on management and strategic training. The location and frequency of seminars and meetings are set years in advance.

With approval and encouragement of the Commission, I also serve on the Board of Public Power, Incorporated. This Board represents APPA's equity interest in an enterprise created in response to deregulation. The enterprise is called Hometown Connections, LLC. Typically, this board coordinates its meeting with the APPA Board so it usually doesn't require extra travel but does extend the length of the trip since it meets before the APPA Board does.

Finally, by specific Commission vote and a number of public meetings, I serve as one of seven boards members for Energy New England, LLC. This entity was created by town of Braintree, the city of Taunton, the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative and the RMLD in response to deregulation in Massachusetts. During its formative years, this effort took a great deal of time. Now, we meet just once per quarter, in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

In addition to these formal positions, I also have served on a number of MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) task forces since we are their largest power project participants and a significant portion of our wholesale power supply comes through this state agency. The meetings generally occur in middle or western Massachusetts and usually consume an entire day with travel included.

Finally, I am out of the office for other reasons. I, along with three other General Managers, served as the main 'public lobbyists' for deregulation in 1997. As a result of this experience (California and Massachusetts were the first states to try the deregulation experiment) and my public speaking ability, I have been asked to serve as a conference speaker in many locations within the United States. Each of these engagements has been first discussed with the Commission before agreed to. In many cases, the requesting organization has paid for the trip directly or reimbursed the RMLD afterward. This activity is now at its end since deregulation is falling out of favor given the current ENRON meltdown and last year's press coverage of the extensive power outages and bankruptcies of major utilities in California.

Over the course of time, the Commission and I have discussed the impact on RMLD operations and the demands on my energy and skills. The Board has deferred to my judgment as to whether I can do all of this and run the utility effectively. I no longer routinely attend NEPPA meetings. APPA involvement ends in two years (I am in the first year of my second three year term - two terms is the maximum anyone can serve). The PPI Board meetings held outside of a routine APPA Board meeting are now usually by conference call. Energy New England is now an ongoing corporation and requires fewer meetings that take less time. The role as a public speaker is substantially over since deregulation seems to now be on hold throughout the nation. We have essentially decided not to return to MMWEC as member and thus I will usually rely exclusively on a consultant to attend meetings.

All of these activities are without additional compensation other than my RMLD salary. Being an effective Board member and speaker takes a lot of preparation before the events I attend. I frequently work at night and on weekends to read the material, make notes and prepare my presentations. I oversee the RMLD operation no matter what my location is by checking e-mail, voice mail and making phone calls. I do it because I take the obligations seriously.

Denial of Access by Town Accountant

The IG says, 'the town accountant stated that he has been denied access to full disclosure of receipts, credit card slips and other documents justifying credit card purchases.' To the best of our knowledge, this is not true. Our Accounting Department has always responded to any request for backup data from the town accountant.

Denial of Access by the Town Manager

The IG says the town manager has questioned RMLD expenditures in the past. However, it says, 'the town manager has been waiting months for an explanation of the expenditures from the General Manager.' This is not true. With one sole exception (which was a legal settlement document containing strict confidentiality provisions) in 15 years, both the General Manager and the Accounting Department respond promptly to any request for information on RMLD expenditures from the Town Manager, any RMLD Commissioner or any town official.

Las Vegas, Nevada

The IG says this conference did not exist as an APPA conference. That is correct. It was an ITRON Users Conference, which was clearly noted on the expense report. There was a notation on the credit card report indicating APPA but it was a mistake. All the other paperwork associated with this expenditure was clearly marked as ITRON (a manufacturer of meter reading hardware and software). As with other RMLD travel, this trip was made for a legitimate business purpose.

The IG and others make a substantial issue about the first night's hotel accommodations by the Assistant General Manager (AGM) and the overall cost of the trip.

This was a sound business decision. The RMLD has one of the first fully automated meter reading systems in the nation. The three employees attended this conference to specifically evaluate a software upgrade. The AGM was asked to go on this trip at the last minute in order to ensure we were on schedule to save $40,000 if we could make this purchase very quickly. Since the Commission meets on two week cycles and this item must be bid (which takes several weeks) after the conference or we would spend more money later for the same product.

The sudden decision to add her to the trip was very difficult to implement. The employee who normally makes travel arrangements was absent. Her 'backup' undertook the task and succeeded in getting accommodations except for the night they arrive in Las Vegas. The Meter Supervisor, an experienced travel agent, then tried to find an available room. Finally, they succeeded by getting one of the only available rooms in Las Vegas (apparently, there was a number of major conferences and sporting activities in town already). Though I did not know the specific cost, I was told that the room was going to be very expensive. I decided that the potential savings to the RMLD customers far outweighed the cost of one night's accommodations.

Upon arrival in Las Vegas they again tried to book her into the conference hotel. They even asked to have a cot or roll away bed put into the same room as another female employee but the hotel refused. They were offered a room with one double bed but the female employees felt uncomfortable with this arrangement. Only after all these attempts did the AGM decide to stay at the Bellagio.

As it turned out, the $40,000 savings did not occur because the bidder did not comply with the full requirement of the bid process. The item had to be bid again and was awarded later by the Commission and still yielded thousands of dollars of savings beyond the cost of the conference.

Scottsdale, Arizona

The IG questions whether reimbursement was made for the personal parts of the 2000 trip and whether parts of the 1999 and 1998 trips were personal. I have the canceled check showing I reimbursed the RMLD in both 2000 and 1999. The RMLD has the general ledger entry showing they posted my reimbursements.

In 1999 and 1998, I worked throughout the trip. I have the computer records, FedEx receipts and fax documentation to prove this.

San Antonio, Texas

The Inspector General further states that the expenditures are excessive. This is a very subjective term and the report does not indicate what standard is being violated to reach the level of 'excessive.' There is no indication of 'excessive' that is obvious. In fact, the opposite is true - the expenses are very reasonable and appropriate. The room charges are at the conference rate. The hotel used was the conference hotel. Since the General Manager is on the Board of Directors for American Public Power Association (APPA), he had duties and obligations before and after the conference. The meal charges amounted to $249.43 ($85.77, $29.75 and $133.91) total over a six day period (at three meal per day times six days that means the average spent per meal was $10.39) and were properly credited against the $40 Per Diem rate and are well below federal government guidelines. Laundry services are allowed under the RMLD policies for trips longer than two days. Long distance calls average less than $6/day and are allowed for in our policy. The rental car charge was for a standard intermediate car. If memory is correct, this hotel had no self parking and added the parking charge (it was $91, not $65 as stated in the report) to anyone who used their garage (it amounts to $13/day - substantially less than in Boston). The unidentified $133.91 charge mentioned by the report is clearly identified on the credit card statement.

Bedding

The IG infers there is no [illegible] business purpose or this was a personal purchase. Yes, the RMLD did make such a purchase for valid[illegible]-

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CULTURED YOUTHS. Educator Janice Allen paid a visit to Wilmington Memorial Library last weekend and taught children lessons in African-American culture. For Allen, left, and Wilmington siblings Jimmy, 8, Caroline, 4, and Katie, 6, Johnston, the afternoon was one of music and dance. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Wilmington Senior Menus

Week of January 28

Monday: Hamburg and gravy over mashed potato, seasoned spinach, chilled peaches, oatmeal bread and butter, milk, Jello with topping.

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, seasoned Oriental vegetables, dinner roll and butter, chilled orange juice, milk, Swiss rolls.

Wednesday: Oven baked ham, parslied potatoes, seasoned corn, chilled pineapple, pumpernickel bread, milk, dessert.

Thursday: Chicken ala king, scalloped potatoes, seasoned carrots, lite rye bread, cranberry sauce, milk, brownie.

Friday Roast beef dinner with gravy, creamy mashed potato, seasoned green beans, chilled mixed fruit, wheat bread and butter, milk, ice cream.

Sen. Tucker office hours

TEWKSBURY - Senator Sue Tucker has announced that she will be holding her monthly office hours at Tewksbury Public Library Tuesday, January 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. All town residents are invited to stop by.

Residents are also invited to contact Senator Tucker at her State House office by calling 617-722-1612 or by emailing her at STucker@senate.state.ma.us.

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School Lunch Menus

Wilmington Schools

Week of January 28
Extended Daycare
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Monday: Hot dog on a roll, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, mini Oreos.

Tuesday: Chicken patty on a roll, lettuce and tomato, French fries, chilled fruit, milk/juice, pudding with topping.

Wednesday: Early dismissal, assorted cereal, cheese wedges, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookies.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, whipped potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Elementary

Monday: Ravioli, seasoned vegetable, breadstick, chilled fruit, milk/juice, pudding with topping.

Tuesday: Taco boat with ground beef, lettuce, salsa and shredded cheese, fluffy rice, cornbread, seasoned vegetable, chilled peaches, milk/juice, cookies.

Wednesday: Early dismissal, breakfast for lunch, French toast stick with syrup, sausage links or patties, carrot and celery sticks, chilled fruit, milk/juice, corn chips.

Thursday Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, mashed potato, seasoned green beans, dinner roll, chilled pears, milk/juice, snack cake.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Middle School

Monday: Italian sausage bomb (Italian sausage, choice of pepper and onion or tomato sauce on a roll), French fries, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Taco boat with ground beef, lettuce, salsa, shredded cheese, fluffy rice, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Early dismissal, breakfast for lunch, French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links or patties, carrot & celery sticks, chilled fruit, milk/juice, corn chips.

Thursday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Pizza, pizza, pizza (choice of French bread, wedge or round), seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

High School

Monday: Ravioli with tomato sauce, tossed garden salad, warm Rudi rolls, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Taco bar, seasoned rice, tomato, lettuce and cheese, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Early dismissal, assorted sandwiches or pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Roast turkey dinner, whipped potato, seasoned vegetable, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Chicken nuggets, creamy mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tewksbury Schools

Week of January 28

Monday: Chicken nuggets and sauce, fluffy rice, carrot or peas, hot roll, Jello, milk.

Tuesday: Hot vegetable soup with crackers, assorted subs, potato stix, raisin sugar cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Turkey in gravy, potato, carrots, stuffing or roll, fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, frankfurter on a roll with mustard and relish, potato fries, apple crisp with raisins, milk.

Friday: Chilled juice, tomato cheese, French bread pizza, salad, milk.

Shawsheen Tech

Week of January 28
Line III

Monday: Rotini with meat sauce, green beans romano, tossed salad, garlic bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breaded pork chop with brown gravy, mashed potato, corn, hot roll, cinnamon applesauce, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Taco boat with meat and bean filling, shredded lettuce, cheese and diced tomato, salsa, Mexican rice, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk.

Thursday: Pork teriyaki dippers with teriyaki glaze, rice pilaf, carrots, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday: Italian style pizza, cheese or pepperoni, tossed salad, bread stick, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream treat, milk.

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BOSTON - Beginning in March, the Community Preservation Institute will be offering spring courses to community leaders across the state. The courses will be offered at UMass campuses in Dartmouth, Westborough, and Lowell. The Institute will consist of nine two and a half hour evening courses spanning a 10 week period beginning on March 20 (Dartmouth and Westborough) and 21 (Lowell).

The Community Preservation Institute is designed to help Massachusetts residents and leaders explore tools, techniques and resources to use in their own communities and neighboring communities to help preserve and enhance the "sense of place" that is unique to each of our 351 cities and towns as our communities continue to develop. The Institute is intended to provide participants with an understanding of community preservation as a concept for planning and growth, and will address the Community Preservation Act in some of the case studies and examples used in the classes It is designed to expose participants to a variety of integrated topics that communities are addressing as they continue to develop and evolve, including zoning, historic preservation, downtown revitalization, Brownfields redevelopment, and transportation.

The Community Preservation Institute is open to any Mass. resident. Past participants have included town planners and commissioners, members of conservation and town commissions, affordable housing and advisory committees, health and planning boards, and interested residents. The twenty-five participants who are chosen for each Institute location will be awarded full scholarships to keep the courses free of charge. Applications for the spring 2002 session are due February 15, 2002. To help gain a broad perspective, the Commonwealth seeks applicants from across the state. For additional information, brochures, and applications, please visit the EOEA website: www.mass.gov/envir or contact Leslie Ackles at the UMass Donahue Institute: 617-367-8901.



CLEO IN THE CLEAR. Sean McCormick, 10, center, took his "tuxedo" cat Cleo to the Tewksbury Department of Public Works last weekend and let Dr. Kim give him a rabies shot. Behind Sean are his sister, Christine, 8, and her friend Jessica Cronin, also 8. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Wilmington Police Log

Monday, January 7

A side door was pried open after hours at the Wilmington Veterans Hospital on Burlington Avenue.

A lighter and some change were stolen from a vehicle parked at a Liberty Street residence.

A pocketbook was stolen from a vehicle parked on Bancroft Street.

Numerous vehicles were ransacked on Pershing Street.

A cell phone was stolen from a vehicle parked at a residence on Lincoln Street.

Lawrence Doucette, 28, of Tewksbury, was arrested on a warrant.

Numerous vehicles were ransacked on Wilson Street.

Motor vehicle-related accidents occurred on Main Street and High Street.

Randall Drake, 36, of Tewksbury, was stopped on Main Street and arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

An individual at a Ballardvale Street company was detained for larceny by a security guard.

James O'Neil, 17, of Wilmington, was arrested for domestic assault and battery.

Tuesday, January 8

Twenty CDs were stolen from a vehicle parked at a residence on Arlene Avenue.

A vehicle parked at a Heather Drive residence was ransacked.

A cell phone was stolen from a vehicle parked at a Catherine Avenue residence.

A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Woburn Street.

A BJ's membership card and a car wash card were stolen from a vehicle parked at an Arlene Avenue residence.

A pocket knife was stolen from a vehicle parked at a Heather Drive residence.

Diesel leaked from the tank of a unit located at a company on Industrial Way. The Department of Environmental Protection was notified, and the amount spilled was cleaned up.

Individuals from the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut were soliciting advertisements without a permit at two businesses on Main Street.

Wednesday, January 9

Motor vehicle-related accidents occurred on Concord Street, McDonald Road and Cross Street.

Paul Joseph Mulford, 34, of Tyngsborough, was stopped on Salem Street, arrested on a warrant and cited for speeding and operating a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.

The tires of a vehicle parked at a company on Woburn Street were slashed.

Daniel Byam, 36, of Melrose, was stopped on Route 93 and arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and possessing a Class D substance.

At a motor vehicle-related accident on Route 125, Wakefield resident Algernon Bastien, 23, was charged with operating a vehicle after his license had been revoked and failing to give the right-of-way to another vehicle.

Thursday, January 10

A vehicle was ransacked on Barbara Avenue.

Spare change was stolen from a vehicle parked at a residence on Fairmeadow Road.

Three audiocassettes and $20 was stolen from a vehicle parked at a residence on Lang Street.

Trash was illegally dumped behind a supermarket on Lowell Street.

Jennifer Connors, 20, of Wilmington, was arrested on a warrant.

A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Lowell Street.

James Grenier, 47, of Lowell, was stopped on Lowell Street and arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Friday, January 11

Motor vehicle-related accidents occurred on Glen Road, Route 129 and Main Street.

A LCD projector with a value of approximately $3,300 was stolen from a company on Research Drive.

Mailboxes were smashed at residences on Dorchester Street.

Saturday, January 12

James Haley, 18, of Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested for violating a red light and possessing alcohol as a minor.

Pocketbooks were stolen from vehicles parked on Marcia Road and Carter Lane.

A gasoline card was stolen from a vehicle parked at a Lang Street residence.

Sunday, January 13

The words "Snoop Dog" were spraypainted on a stockade fence on Gunderson Road.

Todd Huebner, no age given, of Wilmington, was arrested for violating a restraining order.

Mailboxes were smashed at residences on Woburn Street and Dorchester Street.

Motor vehicle-related accidents occurred on Main Street and West Street.

Becky Graham, 20, of Billerica, was arrested on two warrants.

Monday, January 14

Motor vehicle-related accidents occurred on Pleasant Road, Main Street and Shawsheen Avenue.

Leo Allgaier, 23, of Chelmsford, was arrested for operating a vehicle after license suspension, operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle, and misusing dealer plates.

A UPS delivery containing exercise equipment was reportedly stolen from the front door of a Manor Drive residence.

A juvenile was arrested for simple assault and battery after threatening to kill a coworker at a High Street company.

Tuesday, January 15

Motor vehicle-related accidents occurred on Salem Street, Middlesex Avenue and Main Street.

Ricardo Rosa, 20, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant.

The cover on a spare tire was stolen from a vehicle parked at a Woburn Street car wash.

A resident on Heather Drive reported cases of ongoing malicious damage that is being done to family vehicles.

Wednesday, January 16

Eric Regan, 21, no address given, was arrested for receiving a stolen vehicle.

Motor vehicle-related accidents occurred on Middlesex Avenue and Main Street.

Eugene Judkins, 24, of Lowell, was stopped on Lowell Street and arrested on a warrant.

Michael Carlson, 20, of Wilmington, was arrested on a federal warrant.

A Grove Avenue resident reported a fraudulent use of his credit card.

Thursday, January 17

Spare change was stolen from a vehicle parked on Pinewood Road.

Three hundred dollars worth of tools was stolen from a garage at a residence on Salem Street.

Carol Barnes, 41, of Wilmington, was arrested for operating a vehicle after license suspension, speeding and violating stop sign guidelines.

Friday, January 18

Russell Navarro, 20, of Lawrence, was arrested for operating a vehicle after license suspension, operating a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker and violating seatbelt laws.

A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Main Street.

Thomas Ferraro, 26, of Lowell, was arrested on two warrants.

For the fourth time in three months, a particular mailbox was maliciously damaged at a residence on Dorchester Street.

Saturday, January 19

Many mailboxes were maliciously damaged on Woburn Street.

Augustin Dowery, 19, of Malden, was stopped on Church Street and arrested for the possessions of a Class D substance and a dangerous weapon.

Nestor Velez, 21, of Medford, was stopped on Church Street and arrested for the possession of a Class D substance with the intent to distribute it.

A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Marcia Road.

Sunday, January 20

A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Chestnut Street.

An obscene phone call, which was later revealed as a practical joke between acquaintances, was placed to a residence on Gloria Way.

Jerry Dicks, no age given, of Framingham, was stopped on Lowell Street and arrested on two warrants.

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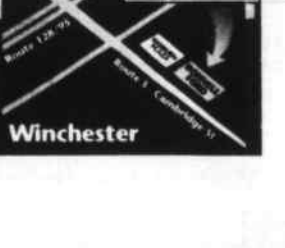
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"Sisters in Crime" reveal their tricks of the trade

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"I always wanted to be a writer," Wheeler said.

Her first mystery books were Nancy Drews, despite teacher discouragement.

After graduating college and becoming a teacher, Wheeler worked in educational publishing, which led to writing biography and history textbooks. Still, she said, she had a dream of writing a novel.

Her first attempt was a historical novel that she could not sell.

"Every historical event you can name (of mid-nineteenth-century America) was in this novel," said Wheeler.

She decided to write a mystery and took a workshop. Then she found a place that sparked a story. A Mayflower descendant, Wheeler visited Plimouth Plantation with relatives.

Not only interested in the characters, Wheeler said, "I began asking the question essential to all fiction: What if? What if my niece fell in love with Plymouth Plantation and decided to become an interpreter?"

Since everyone at Plimouth Plantation has two personas, a Pilgrim who knows nothing beyond 1627 and his/her contemporary self, she imagined those personas becoming blurred during an investigation.

Of her sleuth, like herself a history textbook writer, Wheeler said, "I didn't want it to be just a character going around solving mysteries."

Wheeler wanted someone who, while dealing with the past, could come to terms with her own past. To follow Murder at Plimouth Plantation, Wheeler is working on a mystery set during a re-enactment at Gettysburg.

Giving murder a try

"Opportunities for adventure were severely limited in my school," North Carolina native Kelner told the gathering at the library. "I turned to fiction."

In the 11th grade, Kelner got "the first of many rejection slips." To make a living, she became a technical writer. She was the first in her family to move north and marry a Northerner. Her heroine, Laura Fleming, did likewise.

"Our first character is usually based on ourselves, or an idealized version of ourselves," Kelner said. Many of her other characters are based on her family. "A lot of people call them eccentric."

Kelner first tried writing science fiction but changed genres because "my science fiction is dreadful." She read Doyle, Sayers, and other classic mystery writers and said to herself, "What the heck, I'll try to kill somebody."

Her first mystery, "Down Home Murder," was the beginning of a series of eight novels.

No set formula for creativity

From the answers to audience questions, it became clear that there is no set formula for the creative process. While Smith and Kelner spend time with historical research, Kelner admitted, "I hate research. My idea of research is calling my sister."

Some try word quotas or chapter deadlines. Some develop the story chronologically, though Kelner said she writes pieces in any order.

Smith said she starts with "something that interests me," such as a plot about a kidnapped child who returned as an adult and a man whose father took him to deathbeds when he was young, in order to accustom him to death. Then she adds to the story.

Wheeler said she started with a place and a sleuth "sort of like me" and only a rough idea of where she was going.

Kelner said she starts where she wants to set her story in her fictional town of Byerly. But one novel began with a friend asking how she could kill her husband.

"Now I take requests," said Kelner.

Smith advocated writers' workshops, but Kelner said, " I wouldn't be in a workshop now if you paid me."

On getting published—or rejected, they all agreed that there is no consistency. A lot depends on whether a book is viewed as saleable, Smith said. Kelner commented, "It's getting the right person on the right day."

Much enjoyed and well applauded, the Sisters in Crime program was sponsored by the Friends of the Wilmington Library.

Officer Shelley enjoys a memorable retirement bash

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kids of Wilmington are his legacy. Superintendent Geraldine O'Donnell, who addressed Shelley on behalf of the generations of children who have passed through Wilmington's schools, thanked him for inspiring students, instilling in them a sense of responsibility and making them feel like valuable members of the community. Deputy Chief Robert Spencer, who called Shelley "one of those rare individuals who has the ability to gain the trust and confidence of those he has known," read a poem of praise for the safety officer that was written by Richard DaRosa, the former assistant principal at the Woburn Street School. Selectman Robert Palmer, former police chief Bobby Stewart and Police Chief Bernard Nally also took the podium and wished their friend and colleague a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Doug and Brenda Anderson, who have known Shelley for as many as 50 years, shared with the crowd their take on a friendship that, for Doug and Shelley, dates back to days of long ago when the two boys would play hockey for Wilmington High School at the rink outside the old South School off Chestnut Street.

"Someone once said that if you have one true friend in your life, you are blessed," said Brenda. "We are doubly blessed with Annette and Bob."

The Andersons asked Shelley to join them at the podium, where they presented him with a picture painted by Doug's mother, who was once the art supervisor for the Town of Wilmington. The moment was filled with bittersweet feeling, for Doug's mother passed away on December 28 and Officer Shelley had been the first one to break the sad news to the family.

There were other gifts given to Shelley throughout the evening as well. Shelley will have much to surround him and remind him of his retirement bash, for among such gifts he was presented with citations from the Senate and House of representatives and Governor Jane Swift; his varsity letters from his days as a young athlete at Wilmington High School; a retirement rocking chair from the Massachusetts Safety Officers League; a rug with the Wilmington Wildcat emblem from the school department; and a portrait of himself securing the passage of children as they cross the street out front of their school.

Sergeant Richie Landers, who has retired from the Tewksbury Police Department, stood before the crowded function room and lauded his friend with contagious enthusiasm.

"Bobby Shelley represents the finest in law enforcement in the entire Merrimack Valley, Wilmington, Woburn, Winchester, wherever you want to go," beamed Landers. "Mr. Shelley, I love you, good luck, and the best of everything, my friend!"

For the hundreds of "townies" who flooded the Casa di Fior and toasted Officer Bobby "Ralph" Shelley on Friday night, such sentiments as those expressed by Landers will be echoed by them and others well into the retirement of Wilmington's most popular man.

Dual efforts to protect water quality

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eral stages before its completion," Jon M. Beekman, the Director of Municipal Services for SEA Consultants, Inc., told the commission. "It is an ongoing project that will have a significant impact on the town."

At press time, the project was into its third week of development.

A Citizens Advisory Committee, consisting of 25 members, has been formed to oversee the project. Members include local residents, officials, board members and representatives from such organizations as the Ipswich River Watershed Association.

"We are currently at the data-gathering stage and an initial needs assessment," said Mr. Beekman.

According to Mr. Beekman, SEA representatives will present all of its data in a comprehensive format to the committee at its March meeting, so that it can use it to begins its research into the community's waste and wastewater.

The extent, or scope, of the plan includes seven complicated detailed tasks, the first of which was the formulation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee. The other tasks include developing a Public Participation Program; identifying existing and future conditions of the town's water supply sources; using available technology to develop strategies for wastewater treatment; and, finally, developing a plan that uses all researched information.

The plan is being developed in conjunction with state agencies and regulatory authorities. After months of discussions with various state departments, the scope of the plan was approved by the Secretary of the Office of Environmental Affairs.

Wilmington is within the Ipswich River's watershed area, which means that much of the town's water runoff from storms and other sources currently drains into the Ipswich River. Wilmington also depends on the river for its water. It is hoped that the final plan will help the town meet its water needs and mitigate its impact on the Ipswich River and its related resources.

The water resources management planning period will extend through the year 2021. The town will be divided into "study areas" to further assess specific resource issues. The Ipswich River will be evaluated as a source of the town's water, and so too will such alternate sources as the Massachusetts Water Resources Association and locations in Andover be contemplated.

The town's stormwater drainage system, septic system regulations, and wastewater facilities will be reviewed. Management alternatives to those systems will be investigated and also included in the plan. Soils and topography of the town will be documented and water quality analysis will be performed as part of the plan.

"The finalized Plan will be submitted to the state for approval, and the town will use it to go forward with its vision," said Mr. Beekman.

The Wetlands Protection By-Law developed by the Conservation Commission complements the plan by protecting the wetlands, rivers, water resources and adjoining properties in town. Although the commission voted not to present its By-Law at Town Meeting, it did vote to continue researching and developing the concept.

The By-Law, in general, protects the town's water supply by regulating activities in "freshwater wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, bogs, swamps, vernal pools, banks reservoirs, lakes ponds, rivers, streams lands under water bodies, lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water" and lands abutting those regions. The water in some or all of these resources will impact the Ipswich River watershed area, and ultimately, Wilmington's water supply.

The By-Law allows the commission to evaluate the potential impact that construction would have upon a resource area and to impose conditions on such building in order to prevent contamination.

Local plant to close

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also hit with a steep increase."

In addition to those two reasons, says Kawatra, the demand by some Massachusetts customers that Merck & Co. have a local pharmacy in the Commonwealth is no longer an issue.

Kawatra says that all employees will be offered the opportunity to relocate to one of the company's many other locations, the closest of which is in New Jersey. At the same time, though, benefits for employees will not extend beyond March 4.

"The closing of this facility is not a reflection of the people or town of Wilmington," says Kawatra. "We have been very pleased with our employees and with doing business in Wilmington."

According to Kawatra, Merck & Co. did not attempt to find another local facility, nor did it ask the town for help in finding a better base for operations in Wilmington. Kawatra explains that the company's ever-growing business needs will be best met by dividing up its Wilmington operations amongst its other facilities.

Slow sales were not a reason for the Wilmington location closing, for Merck-Medco and its parent company Merck & Co. both experienced substantial growth last year.

According to the company's website at www.Merck.com, for the fourth quarter of 2001, earnings per share were $0.81, an increase of 8% over the fourth quarter of 2000. Sales grew 10% in the fourth quarter of 2001 to $12.6 billion. The company's overall sales growth benefited from the Merck-Medco business, which increased 15% and 31% for the quarter and year, respectively. In fact, the volume of prescriptions managed by Merck-Medco increased by 19%.

Rollover on Glen Road

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drinking alcohol that night by telling officers that he had "had a few." When authorities looked inside Powers' vehicle, they discovered an empty can of Budweiser beer in the area of the front seat.

Says Deputy Spencer, "We had been told by the father that the son had been drinking for most of the evening."

Powers was taken by ambulance to Winchester Hospital, where, according to police reports, he was uncooperative and created a disturbance with emergency personnel.

Eventually, Powers settled down and was treated for small lacerations on his right hand and forehead.

While Powers was at the hospital, authorities cited him for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and driving outside the designated lanes on Glen Road. Powers will be due in Woburn District Court at a later date.

The portion of Glen Road surrounding the incident was reopened after authorities sufficiently investigated the accident and determined the conditions of the road.



7,500 HOURS IN THE BANK. Michael E. DiGregorio, right, who is the Marketing Manager for the Middlesex-Central District of the United States Post Office, was recognized at the recent postmasters' quarterly meeting for clocking 2,616 on his job. In the photo above, District Manager Joanna B. Korker, left, presented similar honors to Shrewsbury resident Stephen Rossetti and Earle Maxwell as well. (Courtesy photo)

Parker thought he knew

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trans-shipping on the narrow gauge instead of sending their cars into Boston.

He succeeded in raising $20,000 for his venture, and started laying out a roadbed. That roadbed became known as the Narrow Gauge. He figured that by having a narrow gauge (track width), the railroads could not bypass his freight stations and simply run their cars over his tracks.

Many people were enthusiastic about the railroad. They thought it would bring prosperity to Wilmington. Lemuel Cobb Eames, a selectman, was one of those who spoke and wrote about the railroad enthusiastically.

The project, of course, was utter foolishness. Only a little thought is sufficient to show this. For instance, the narrow gauge meant that the freight had to be handled twice for a three-mile haul. Probably Parker's idea was that he could scare the railroads into buying him out, but that is just conjecture. Anyway, the railroads did not buy.

During the construction, Parker had a bridge built near Main Street. It was on high ground where no brook or stream can run. There was no need for a road, and anyway, the bridge was too low for vehicular traffic. The bridge, to all apparent purposes, could serve no function whatsoever.

Parker kept building the railroad bed until he had paid out all his money in labor costs. After the $20,000 was gone, Parker disappeared and was never heard from again.

Two modern roads are built on parts of what was once the Narrow Gauge. The easterly end of Adams Street, between Parker Street and Chandler Road, is on the railroad bed. Traces of the railroad could be seen behind the high school before the athletic field was built. In North Wilmington, the T of Mystic Avenue was also part of the railroad, and takes its name from the Mystic Valley Railroad.

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Wilmington SPORTS

Volunteers establishing girl's hockey program

Coaching trio building from bottom

By PAUL HAYES
Sports Correspondent

Before the construction of Ristuccia Arena, and before "ice time" was part of the lexicon of children's sports, Ken DeMaggio and other local kids learned to skate on the frozen ponds and lakes of Wilmington.

DeMaggio, who grew up on Glendale Circle, used to trudge with friends through the forest on cold winter days to the former Swann's Pond, which has grown into the lake located along Palmer Way.

"We used to walk there and spend the day skating," said DeMaggio.

Times have changed. Today, DeMaggio is teaching a whole new generation to play hockey, only there are two major differences. The practices are indoors, and the team is comprised totally of girls.

The coaching staff of the Wilmington High girls hockey team is made up of DeMaggio, Harry See and head coach Joe McMahon. The three are old friends, McMahon has been friends with DeMaggio since childhood, and See was a linemate with McMahon's brother, Paul, at Bentley College in Waltham. All three participate in a weekly adult pick-up games at Ristuccia Arena on Wednesday nights.

"First of all Joe asked me too," said DeMaggio, when asked why he agreed to coach the girl's team. "I've known Joe my whole life."

The three coaches are also volunteers. The team was created last year as a club sport, which means it does not receive funding from the Wilmington High Athletic and School Department. In order to run the team, coaches have to schedule practices around their jobs. The team has on-ice practice at Ristuccia Arena from 6-6:50 a.m. on Tuesday and Friday, and afternoon conditioning practices on Monday from 2:30-5 p.m. and Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m.

Sometimes their schedules prevent them from making all games or practices. McMahon, a lieutenant and 20-year veteran of the Wilmington Fire Department, missed the Wednesday game against Burlington last week. Meanwhile, DeMaggio, a Federal Express courier, said his job schedule sometimes makes attending afternoon practices difficult.

The sacrifices they make only proves the fact that the coaches take their job, and the development of their team, very seriously. They look upon themselves not as volunteers, but as the foundation of the program.

"My belief is even if it's not a varsity sport, it's still a high school sport, and practices should be held 5-6 times week," said See.

McMahon and See are also experienced youth hockey coaches. See began coaching when he was 13-years old as an assistant for a Billerica Youth Hockey team, and has coached boys hockey for 15-20 years, and a Reading girls youth hockey team for 6 years. His two daughters play for the Wilmington High girl's team, forward Rachele See and goalie Heather See. He also coaches his son Vinny on the Wilmington Pee Wee B team.

McMahon has coached youth hockey off-and-on for about 20 years. This includes time spent with Wilmington youth teams, and the Huskies of Tyngsboro, a regional select league team of 14-year olds that competes across the state.

The push for a girl's team began when McMahon approached athletic director Jim Gillis in 1999. McMahon had coached girls at the youth hockey level, and realized that in Wilmington these girls were either forced to transfer to a school that had a girls program, or quit playing hockey once they reached high school.

A survey was sent out, the interest level was gauged, and a team was established last year. In that first season, many of the players did not know how to tie their skates, and the coaches had to start from scratch, with experienced players helping to introduce their teammates to the sport of hockey.

This season, the team has started to move away from its focus on basic skills. With more girls becoming comfortable with the basics of skating, the coaches have started to focus on shooting and playmaking.

"They've come a long way, but they have a long way to go," explained DeMaggio. Still, he said the team is meeting - and exceeding — expectations. "Our girls do everything we ask, they give it their best, and the progress we've seen has been incredible."

See's daughters represent both types of players. Rachele skated for his Reading youth hockey teams, and is one of the team's best players as well as the leading scorer in the North Cape League with 19 points, while Heather started playing last year, transferring her field hockey goaltending skills from the field to the rink. Both have excelled for the Lady Cats.

"I coached my daughters since they were little, starting with soccer," said See. "They understand that when I coach I'm one way, and when I'm their father I'm a different way, I like to separate both."

See's girls team in the Reading youth hockey league was a feeder team for the high school. McMahon hopes Wilmington will also create a feeder program. He has heard rumors that Wilmington youth hockey may create a girl's team in the Mite division, and possibly a team for older girls. However, no formal announcements have been made

As for the team's "club" status, McMahon hopes the team can be promoted to the varsity level, and at the very least he hopes the team can obtain an additional hour of ice time per week, in order to increase the practice time, and rate of development, for the Lady Cats.

None of the three coaches has any plans to leave their position with the team. They want to see the program promoted to the varsity level, they want to see the team's future at the school secured, and they want to lay the foundation for Wilmington girl's hockey for years to come.

"As long as they continue, it will only get better," said DeMaggio. "I hope the interest stays with it, that the program becomes successful. I hope it keeps on growing."



THIS PAST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, THE WILMINGTON ROTARY CLUB HONORED MEGAN DONNELLY at Focaccia's Restaurant after a superb career in the game of field hockey between high school, college and onto the Olympics. Here Donnelly (second from right) is pictured with several of her former coaches: from left, Jan Cassidy-Wood, Donnelly's former field hockey coach at WHS; Eddie Harrison, Donnelly's former softball coach at WHS; and Jan Urquhart, the former assistant field hockey coach at WHS. To read more about Megan Donnelly Day turn to page 18. (Photo by Maureen Lamoreaux).

Wildcat ice hockey team climbing up the charts

If you picked up Monday's Boston Herald and you looked on page 60, you might have noticed how well the Wilmington High ice hockey team is doing. The 'Cats are not only in first place with their 8-2-0 (not 8-2-1) league record, two points ahead of Amesbury (7-1-1), while the 'Cats have played one extra league game), but they are currently ranked fourth best in Division 2.

The Herald has rated Duxbury (9-1-1) first in Division 2, with last year's state champions Danvers (11-1-0) second, followed by Winthrop (8-3-0) who have surprised many with their speed and overall play. The 'Cats are fourth, followed by a tie with St. Mary's of Lynn (10-2-1) and Marshfield (11-2-0). Duxbury eliminated Wilmington from the state tournament several years ago in the two-day overtime game played at Merrimack College. Last year Danvers eliminated the 'Cats from the state tournament and went on to win the state title.

Wilmington's fourth spot in all of Division 2 certainly means they have gaining a lot of respect from the state especially since the 'Cats lost their first two games of the season. Since then they have won 10 of their last 11 games, with the only loss coming against Woburn, who is rated ninth in all of Division 1 according to the Herald's poll

Wilmington is the three-time Cape Ann League champions and are in the driver's seat now to capture their fourth straight and sixth league title since arriving into the CAL. A win on Wednesday against Dracut will qualify them for the state tournament for the eighth straight season, which is also pretty remarkable. In addition to that, in the last 6.5 seasons Wilmington is 101-43-14. Headcoach Steve Scanlon has a record of 127-78-18 in his 11 seasons which included several two and three win seasons in the beginning

— JAMIE POTE

'Cats put it on the line

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

PEABODY — After the second period had ended against their league rival of Masconomet Regional, Wilmington High ice hockey coach Steve Scanlon had one very important message to give to his troops in the team's biggest game to date.

"I told the kids that Masconomet has always had the reputation for being a great third period team," said Scanlon. "Let's go out there and show them who the real third period team is."

Those words certainly sparked the Wildcats. They were able to net the lone goal of the third period, as well as play tremendously down in their own end including killing off a huge 5-on-3 power play. Their team effort allowed them to finish with a big 4-3 victory over their biggest rivals, while they improved to 9-3 on the season and continued their winning streak with its ninth win in their last ten games.

"It was a great game," said Scanlon. "It was two very good even matched teams going at it. There's windows of opportunities throughout a season and this game is one of them. We took advantage of this opportunity but we have a long way to go."

All three of Wilmington's lines played very well. The third trio of Ed Tucker, Kyle Burns and Jason Riley certainly played their best game collectively. In addition, senior Anthony Tomasi was immense on the ice, as he simply played his best game of his career. He netted a pair of goals including the game winner, while he also was a huge factor in the killing off the two-man advantage.

"Absolutely," echoed Scanlon on Tomasi having his greatest game of the season. "He played a wonderful game. He was the best player on the ice."

Tomasi and his linemates Dan Liberty and Geoff Ferreira certainly saw a lot of ice time and they certainly saved their best for last. Tomasi, Brent Holloway and Matt Porter killed off the two-man advantage. Five minutes later, Holloway took a slap shot from the left point and the puck going to the other side of the net to Tomasi who quickly snapped one past goalie PJ Lecolst with 7:33 to go.

With 1:41 to go in the game, the first line ended a lengthy shift and came to the bench for a change. With a faceoff to the left of Lecolst, Masconomet coach Bob Driscoll called a timeout. After a quick minute of trying to catch their breathe, the first trio was sent back in by Scanlon

"We were trying to match lines all night," he said. "I figured [Driscoll] was going to take a timeout then, that's why I did that."

Over the last 1:41, Wilmington went into a defensive trap style and they held off Masco despite them pulling Lecolst with 1:04 to go.

Wilmington had comeback several times in the game. They trailed 1-0 just 1:18 into the game, and they also trailed 3-2 after the first period despite being up 2-1 midway through it. Tomasi, Burns and Jack Webb netted goals in the crazy offensive style first period

The 'Cats totally dominated in the second period outshooting Masco, 15-3, but couldn't get a goal out of it. Masco did tie the game up with 1:03 to go in the period

"I thought we were mentally tough this game," said Scanlon. "We peppered them in the second period but we couldn't get anything. The kids hung in there and got it done in the third period."

Wilmington's defensive foursome played very well. Masco's forwards were extremely quick getting out of its zone. Porter, Holloway, Greg Buck and Brian Martinello did a very nice job of containing them.

ADDITIONAL WHS HOCKEY INSIDE



THE WILMINGTON HIGH GIRL'S HOCKEY PROGRAM is in its second year thanks to several volun teer coaches. The team's head coach is Joe McMahon (center), while he is assisted by childhood friends Ken DeMaggio (right) and Harry See (not pictured), while newcomer Leanne McConologue (left) has joined the program this year to lend a hand. (Photo by Jessica Stygles).

Letter to the Sports Editor

Lyman says thank you

Dear Jamie:

Thank you for all you have done for Wilmington High School softball over the years that I have been here. Thank you personally for the articles in the Town Crier last week and for all the great coverage you have given the girls for the last 12 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players. I'd like to thank every one of you for a tremendous season and career as Wilmington High School softball coach. My tenure as softball coach was not only successful in my eyes, but also tremendously rewarding and fun. From the long practices, tough games, enjoyable play days and fantastic championships, I thoroughly enjoyed every day and every one of you personally.

I hope I have aided, assisted and helped each of you in some way whether it be socially, athletically, academically or personally, half as much as all of you have done for me. My years at Wilmington High School will be treasured forever. My friendships made will be held in great respect and my future success will be attributed directly to my days with you.

I would like to truly commend the parents. We had good teams because we had good kids. I have a saying that "apples don't fall far from the trees" so I believe this speaks for itself. We must have had good parents.

I respect the fact that you supported and encouraged your children and allowed us to coach with very little, if any interference. You were truly a remarkable group of people in this day and age.

To our administration, benefactors, fans and friends, our success could not have been accomplished without all of you. I applaud you and I appreciate all you have done for us. I hope you will continue to give your support to Wilmington High School softball.

Thank you, all of you
Paul S. Lyman Jr.

Shawsheen Hockey falls to Tigers

By MaATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

With first place on the line in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference on the line Thursday night, Tyngsboro got the better of Shawsheen Tech.

The Rams allowed three unanswered third period goals before scoring in the final two minutes and losing, 4-2, to Kevin Achilles (two goals) and the Tigers at Billerica High.

"As you can tell, we really didn't play a typical Shawsheen game tonight," said Shawsheen head coach Bill Gordon. "We usually dominate and have since I've been with the program. Tonight we just didn't get it done, but I think that's a tribute to Tyngsboro."

Junior forward Andrew LaCombe scored both goals for the Rams in the loss.

"He's a good set-up guy and we try and get him to shoot the puck a little more," said Gordon. "Finally he did and we got what we wanted from him."

With the Rams down 1-0 in the second period, LaCombe tied the

After twenty years, Megan Donnelly gets her due

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

She is the best female athlete ever to come out of Wilmington. Yet, Megan Donnelly really hasn't been recognized until this past week.

On January 16th, thanks to the Wilmington Rotary Club, as well as Town Manager Michael Caira, Megan Donnelly Day was held at Focaccia's Restaurant. Caira gave Donnelly a key to the town, but more importantly the 37-year-old was finally given the day she has deserved since leaving Wilmington High. She went on to become a four-time All-American Field Hockey player at UMass and a member of the 1988 Olympic team.

"This is great to see old teammates, old coaches and old teachers ... well not old, just experienced ones," she said as the crowd laughed. "Before I got into Wilmington High, being a part of the field hockey program was something every girl wanted."

Donnelly, a mid-fielder, helped put Wilmington Field Hockey on the map back in the late 70s and early 80s. She was a very good player on the terrific teams that former coach Jan Cassidy-Wood had.

After her high school days, Donnelly has been recognized by the state and certainly this country as one of the greatest field hockey players ever.

On Wednesday, the Rotary Club honored her though she thought she was just going to be a guest speaker for their weekly luncheon. During the hour session, she spoke about all of the things that allowed her to develop: her family, her former coaches, her former teachers, her friends and her former teammates.

She spoke often about how close knit those high school field hockey teams were and all they cared about was each other and not necessarily victories. She also spoke about very highly of the high school and what people like Jan Cassidy-Wood, Jan Urquhart, Eddie Harrison and Frank Kelley did for her.

She carried on and talked about her playing days and coaching days. She spoke about the high school teams, her years at UMass-Amherst as a player and as coach, as well as her days on the U.S. Olympic and U.S. National teams. Caira then walked up to where she was standing for his very comical presentation.

"Just for the record, I played JV baseball," said Caira.

Caira continued to give the the crowd several more laughs and then he presented her a key to the town.

"Megan you have really made it," said Caira. "This really welcomes you back to Wilmington. In my 12 years here, I haven't given too many of these out. You are a remarkable individual and you have made Wilmington very, very proud."

Her days as a Wildcat

Donnelly made the varsity team in 1978 and played until her senior year of 1982. She became the first WHS Field Hockey player to be selected as a Boston Globe All-Scholastic.

It was her junior year that she remembers most. That year the team made it to the Eastern Mass. final and lost to Weston, 2-0, with both goals coming in the last three seconds of the game.

Several of her teammates from that team were on hand Wednesday including Kathy Schultz, Janelle Fitch, Sharon Zwicker, Karen Evans and Mary Beth Tierney.

"We had a lot of fond memories," said Zwicker. "Knowing Megan I didn't hesitate to come here. I definitely didn't want to miss it. We had a lot of fond memories, with her and the team. We were all so close."

Donnelly and Zwicker said before the 1982 season had begun the team never anticipated going to the state semi-final game.

"I don't remember thinking of anything besides what was next," said Donnelly. "That team was one of the greatest teams I've ever been associated with. We loved practice as much as we loved the games."

During that season, the field hockey coaches took the team to Boston University to watch the U.S. National team. That day had a major impact on Donnelly's life.

"I always had a vague dream to compete in the Olympics, but that day the coaches provided us with a glimpse of what's out there for us," said Donnelly. "They were showing us that we had a future. When I got there all I thought about was being a part of that team, that's all I wanted to do. I owe the coaches so much for showing us that there was something out there for all of us.

"Something just really sparked that day. Something just clicked and I was oddly driven to do anything I could to be on the Olympic team. Looking back on it, I was such a lunatic," she said laughing.

Cassidy-Wood was the field hockey coach for more than 20 years at WHS. She left after the 1993 season. She had many talented players over those years and many outstanding teams.

"Megan wasn't really the best player I ever coached but she became the best," said Cassidy-Wood. "She was the one who had the desire to go further and she wanted to keep improving and become the ultimate. That day we went to BU, she asked me on the way home, 'what do I need to do to be an Olympian'? I told her I'd do anything I could to help her get there.

"She made it because of her brains," Cassidy-Wood continued. "She was a four-time All-American field hockey player but she was also all-academic those four years. She is probably the smartest player I've coached. But she had the dream and unfortunately people don't dream [realistically] enough today."

Donnelly has spoken very highly about Cassidy-Wood at every ceremony or Hall of Fame induction she's been at. She said she doesn't just do that because she has to be nice.

"I've coached all over the place between colleges and for US tryout and selects teams, all over the country," said Donnelly. "I've recruited players from all over the country and I really don't know if Wilmington understands what they had in Jan. She is really an extraordinary coach. She couldn't recruit and what amazed me every year she coached was how she assembled a bunch of girls, found their strengths and consistently molded them into a winning team.

"She instilled discipline in us, the love of the game, the fundamentals, the respect for ourselves, our teammates and the other teams. I know that I could not have done it without her."



FORMER WHS FIELD HOCKEY STAR MEGAN DONNELLY was honored by the Wilmington Rotary Club last Wednesday afternoon. She was asked to speak in front of the crowd on her many incredible accomplishments as a player and coach in the game of field hockey. (Photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Days after high school

After leaving WHS, Donnelly went on to UMass-Amherst and became the only player in the school's history to be named a four-time Collegiate All-American. In 1986 she won the Broderick Award, which is the best field hockey player in the entire country. Donnelly was also inducted into the UMass Hall of Fame in 1999. It was during her playing career in 1983 when she was named to the NCAA All-Tournament team.

During her senior year she was playing on both the UMass team and the U.S. National team. That's when she was trying to find time to play on both squads and attend class. She was later named to the NCAA All-Decade team from 1981-1991.

Two years later she was on the U.S. Olympic team during the Summer games in Seoul, Korea. At that time, 159 countries were represented which was the most ever. There was also 100,000 security personnel which was the most ever at that time. Donnelly spoke about how her team was briefed on what the SWAT teams were wearing, where they would be and what to look for.

As for the games themselves, the U.S. team lost four games, three by one goal, and tied another. Had they scored one more goal in any of the first four games, they would've played in the medal round. Despite having a separated shoulder, Donnelly made sure she was still on the field representing her country.

"That was actually pretty selfish of me," she said. "But I didn't want to get all the way there and not play. At that time you never know if you'll ever get a chance like that again. I didn't want this chance to pass me by.

"I remember when the injury happened. It was September 14. We were scrimmaging Australia and I dove for a ball and I got this horrible, horrible pain. I was told that's it you are all done. But there was no way I was going to quit. All I could do was take motrin and ice - anything else would've shown up on the drug tests.

"I remember I tried to run around on the track. I said to myself that if I could run around for thirty minutes that I would be able to play. Those thirty minutes were the longest thirty minutes of my entire life. It was left shoulder and everytime my left foot hit the track I had this awful pain from my left foot all the way to my left eye. I had to hold my arm in despite the shooting pain through my body.

"After it was done, I said to myself OK that's the worst that can happen. I really don't know how I lasted five [Olympic] games. I was taking corner shots, diving for balls - I don't know what I was thinking."

The 1988 Summer Olympics was just the third time that field hockey was played. That year just 8 teams qualified. The United States first took on the Netherlands team and lost 2-1. That followed with another 2-1 loss to Argentina. The team's third game they tied Great Britain, 2-2.

The Americans lost their fourth game against the Federal Republic of (East) Germany, 2-1. Donnelly scored the lone goal of the game for the Americans, even though she was the team's sweeper (last defensive player). In final game of the Olympics they lost to Argentina again, 3-1, as Donnelly again supplied the team with its only goal.

"I made the team my junior year in college," she remembers. "It was just such a thrill to compete. I remember playing against the English team in front of 45,000 people and being on the front page of their newspaper the next day. Back here [in the States] no one even knows what field hockey is.

"We qualified for the Olympics for the 1988 summer games. It was the biggest thrill of my life. I remember the opening ceremonies. We were in the tunnel and it was all dark. We had our American Flags with us. Evelyn Ashford was the flag bearer leading us out and right before we went out she turned and said 'are we ready?' When we went out there into the Sunlight with our flags I said to myself 'Oh My God I made it. I'm here with the best athletes in the World'."

After the 1988 games

After her playing days were over Donnelly turned to coaching. She begun as an assistant at UMass and Boston College, before being named the head coach of University of Rhode Island in 1992. She served there until 1994 when she accepted the interim coach's job at UMass for two years, as their head coach Pam Hickson took a leave of absence to coach the U.S. National team.

At Rhode Island, Donnelly enjoyed success. Before she arrived there the program wasn't established. In her two years there the team had winning records and qualified for post season play.

She then coached at UMass for two years in 1994 and 1995, again enjoying success including victories over the top two ranked teams in the country. During her stay at UMass, Donnelly decided she wanted to try something different in her life, so she decided to attend business school at the University of North Carolina. There she was a volunteer coach for the top-ranked UNC field hockey team, while she earned her master's degree. In her years there UNC won two National Championships.

"I didn't do anything," she said. "I went to the games and practices, sat on the bench, sipped coffee and collected a ring."

Donnelly then stopped coaching all together. She took a job in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Wachovia Bank Office before transferring to their Boston Office where she serves as its Vice President. She now lives in Arlington, and says her days as a coach and player are over.

She said part of that is because times have changed.

"It doesn't seem like people are having as much fun," she said. "The highlight for me at UMass was going to practice. Now you see parents putting kids on the field when they are ten so they can just get a college scholarship. If [playing sports] isn't fun, then what's the point?"

Donnelly said she has learned those aspects of having fun and striving for her dreams from her parents and coaches. For that, she says she'll never forget the life lessons they gave her to succeed.

"I learned that it doesn't matter where you come from," she said. "You can't let people tell you what you can and can't do. My parents did a fantastic job of bringing us up and encouraging us that we could do anything we wanted."



WILMINGTON TOWN MANAGER MICHAEL CAIRA brought many laughs when he presented former WHS athlete Megan Donnelly with a key to the Town of Wilmington. Donnelly was honored by the Wilmington Rotary Club last Wednesday at Focaccia's Restaurant in Wilmington for her accomplishments in the game of field hockey . (Photo by Maureen Lamoureaux).

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WHERE'S THE ACTION!?

Town	Sport	Opponent	Time
Thursday, January 24			
Tewksbury	JV Track	@ Lowell	4:15pm
Shawsheen	JV Wrestling	@ Tyngsboro	6:30pm
Shawsheen	Hockey	vs Nashoba	7:00pm
Friday, January 25			
Tewksbury	JV Track	@ Lowell	3:00pm
Shawsheen	Swimming	@ Gr. Lawrence	3:30pm
Wilmington	F Girls Basketball	@ Manchester	3:30pm
Wilmington	F Boys Basketball	vs Manchester	4:00pm
Tewksbury	F Boys Basketball	@ Billerica	4:00pm
Tewksbury	F Girls Basketball	@ Billerica	4:45pm
Shawsheen	Girls Basketball	vs Lynn Tech	4:45pm
Wilmington	JV/V Girls Basketball	@ Manchester	5:00/6:30pm
Wilmington	JV/V Boys Basketball	vs Manchester	5:30/7:00pm
Tewksbury	JV/V Boys Basketball	vs Billerica	6:00/7:30pm
Tewksbury	JV/V Girls Basketball	@ Billerica	6:00/7:30pm
Saturday, January 26			
Wilmington	Track	@ Lynnfield/Nbport	9:00am
Wilmington	Wrestling	@ Woburn	10:00am
Tewks/Shaw	Wrestling	@ Methuen Tournament	11:00am
Wilmington	Girls Hockey	vs Gloucester	1:20pm
Tewksbury	Hockey	@ Billerica	7:00pm
Sunday, January 27			
Tewksbury	Boys Track	@ McIntyre Relay	11:00am
Monday, January 28			
Tewksbury	Track	vs Haverhill @ Methuen	3:30pm
Wilmington	F Girls Basketball	@ Hamilton-Wenham	3:30pm
Wilmington	F Boys Basketball	vsHamilton-Wenham	4:00pm
Wilmington	JV/V Girls Basketball	@ Hamilton-Wenham	5:00/6:30pm
Wilmington	JV/V Boys Basketball	vs Hamilton-Wenham	5:30/7:00pm
Tuesday, January 29			
Shawsheen	Boys Basketball	vs Gr. Lowell	4:45pm
Shawsheen	Girls Basketball	@ P.M.A.	4:45pm
Shawsheen	Hockey	@ Northeast	5:00pm
Wednesday, January 30			
Tewksbury	Track	@ Phillips Academy	3:15pm
Shawsheen	Swimming	@ Northeast	3:30pm
Wilmington	F Girls Basketball	@ Pentucket	3:30pm
Wilmington	F Boys Basketball	vs Pentucket	4:00pm
Shawsheen	Wrestling	vs Whittier	4:00pm
Wilmington	JV/V Girls Basketball	@ Pentucket	5:00/6:30pm
Wilmington	JV/V Boys Basketball	vs Pentucket	5:30/7:00pm
Wilmington	JV/V Boys Hockey	@ Newburyport	6:00pm
Wilmington	Girls Track	vs Pentucket @ Andover	6:00pm
Tewksbury	Wrestling	vs Haverhill	6:30pm
Wilmington	Wrestling	@ Georgetown	6:30pm
Wilmington	Girls Hockey	vs Marblehead	7:30pm

Compiled by Kristin Purser

Hockey team ices Newburyport to win 7th straight

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Although they took care of business, continued their winning streak and remained on top of the Cape Ann League, Wilmington High ice hockey coach Steve Scanlon was still concerned after his team's 5-1 victory over Newburyport (6-4-1) on Saturday afternoon in front of the home crowd.

"The penalties have become a problem," he said. "I'm not going to blame the officials, but lately there's many so many penalties called that it just bogs the game down and slows the momentum. We're taking too many penalties. [Saturday] we had to kill off several penalties, and [Wednesday] we had to kill off a 5-on-3. We have to fix that."

Scanlon hopes the penalties won't be a problem on Wednesday night while this paper is being printed. The 'Cats are taking on Dracut (4-4-2) in a non-league game. A victory for Wilmington (10-3-0 overall, 8-2-0 in the league) will make it 11 wins in their last 12 games, and the two points will also clinch a state tournament spot for the eighth straight season since the 'Cats are playing 22 games this season.

"That would be nice," said Scanlon. "If we can qualify against Dracut that would be great because we have a week off after that and we need the break."

Wilmington handed Newburyport its second defeat this season. Just 2:57 into the game the 'Cats jumped out to a 1-0 lead as Dan Liberty fed Geoff Ferreira with a pass from behind the net and Ferreira tapped in his 10th goal of the season.

A few minutes later Wilmington killed off a penalty as Anthony Tomasi provided the highlights when he totally crushed a Newburyport player in front of the 'Cats bench. Newburyport was able to tie the game as Wildcat goalie Andy Berian stopped a dump in shot but the rebound was poked in making it 1-1 with three minutes and change left in the period.

About 90 seconds later, Liberty again was behind the Newburyport net and again fed Ferreira out front for what became the game winning tally.

Liberty scored two goals at the start of the second period, the first he roofed top corner, and the second he took a quick wrist shot off a face-off with the puck going through the five-hole making it 4-1. Joe Luciano made it 5-1 when he scored on a breakaway during the penalty filled third period.

Berian made 12 saves to notch his fourth win in as many games. Tomasi added three assists in the game, giving him five points in the last two games and extending his Cape Ann League leading points to 29.



WILMINGTON HIGH SENIOR GEOFF FERREIRA carries the puck with him for the ice hockey team during a recent Cape Ann League game. (Photo by Jessica Stygles).

Anthony all A's on all ends of the ice

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Anthony Tomasi has always had the distinction of being a goal scorer. He's always put a lot of pressure on himself to put the puck in the back of the net.

On Wednesday afternoon, in the Wilmington High hockey team's biggest game to date, Tomasi played arguably his best game ever in a Wildcat uniform leading the 'Cats to a very exciting 4-3 win over their arch rivals of Masconomet Regional.

Sure you could say that he played his best game because he netted a pair of goals, including the game winner in the third period. Take the goals away and he still played arguably his best game ever in a Wildcat uniform.

"Absolutely," agreed head coach Steve Scanlon. "Anthony played a wonderful game. In all aspects of the game he was the best player on the ice. He plays smart. Sometimes you have to keep his emotions in check, and when you can he's a very talented hockey player."

Yes indeed.

Tomasi plays like he's 6-4, 220 pounds, yet he stands at 5-8, probably 160 pounds. He hits everything in sight and does it with authority. On Wednesday he did make a ton of hard body checks, he did make plenty of great passes, he did backcheck every single second he was out there, and he also very impressively killed off a 5-on-3 power play along with defensemen Matt Porter and Brent Holloway.

Tomasi was everywhere and anywhere on the ice, playing his style of hockey which is certainly pretty impressive.

"I just skated as hard as I could," he said. "I just really (dislike) Masco and love having that opportunity of beating them."

Masconomet scored the first goal just 78 seconds into the game. Wilmington came right back less than two minutes later as Dan Liberty took a wrist shot from the slot which trickled off Masco's goalie PJ Lecolst, and Tomasi was at the side of the net to put in the loose puck to tie the game at one.

The two teams exchanged several more goals in the first period and the 'Cats led 3-2 as they headed into the locker room. In the second period Wilmington dominated play, outshooting Masco 15-3, but the Chieftains managed a goal with 1:03 left in the period to tie the game up at 3-3.

"We kept firing shots and we knew that goals would come," said Tomasi. "[Lecolst] couldn't stop a lot - it looked like every save he made was a beach ball, everything kept popping out of his glove."

In the third period Tomasi certainly was focused as he increased his level of play by several notches. In the first two minutes of the period, Wilmington's Greg Buck received a penalty with 12:55 to go. That followed 28 seconds later when Geoff Ferreira joined Buck in the box. That left, Tomasi, Porter and Holloway out there to kill off a very important 5-on-3 power play for Masco. The Chieftains have a very good power play. They move the puck every well, skate freely and move around a lot. With the game tied a 3-3, this penalty kill was all but the game.

"I didn't want to get burnt in the neutral zone," he said. "Especially with their big kid number 21 (Nick DeBaggis). We knew that if they scored they would be right back in it with the lead and we didn't want that."

Tomasi broke up passes several times on the penalty kill and sent the puck down into their zone, as the seconds continued to tick. The trio killed off the very important two-man advantage, and in doing so the momentum swing switched completely to the Wilmington side.

"Anthony was awesome on that penalty kill," said Scanlon. "Actually all three of them were. We kept rotating the three of them around the ice, trying not get caught and they killed it off beautifully."

After that lengthy shift, Tomasi was back at it again with less than 8 minutes to go in the game. On the power play, Holloway took a slap shot from the left point. The puck hit the stick of Ferreira who was parked out front in the slot. After hitting Ferreira's stick, the puck slid to the other side of the net to Tomasi who quickly snapped a wrist shot home for his second consecutive game winning goal.

"[Wednesday] was just a huge team effort," said Tomasi. "The first two lines really worked hard and the third line played great, too. Kyle [Burns] had a big goal off a nice shot. They do a real nice job out there, hitting everyone and cleaning everything up."

And that's what Tomasi did in this one game. He helped Wilmington clean up another big victory.

Seventh grade hoop team, 16-3

The Wilmington seventh grade boys basketball team' extended their record to 16-3 with a convincing 63-42 victory over Methuen.

Kyle Borseti got things started for the Wildcats as he hit for six of his nine points in the opening minutes. John Olivere added three free throws as Wilmington jumped out to an early four point lead. Methuen hung tough in the early going but Wilmington began to pull away in the first half. Greg Stewart had 14 of his game high 18 points in the first half and Josh Mayo added four more to give the Wildcats a commanding 33-15 lead going into the locker room.

The second half was much of the same. Mike Thomas, Pat Ryan and Nick Duggan controlled the offensive and defensive rebounds. Brendan DeMango and Dan Paterson played outstanding defense. Tim Kent had the hot hand in the second half throwing in seven points while Chris Dancoe added six more. It was a complete team effort as Wilmington went on to a 63-42 victory.

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Lady 'Cats-Redgals game goes down to last shot

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

You win some, yet you lose some. But somewhere in the middle emotions come in, whatever the case may be.

After the Tewksbury and Wilmington High girls' basketball teams played an exciting two-point non-league game on Sunday afternoon, the winning coach, Pat McAndrews of Tewksbury, wasn't happy, while the losing coach Bob Gillis, of WIlmington, was a happy camper.

Go figure.

"We were very lucky to come out with a win," said McAndrews, after watching his team pull out a 56-54 victory despite Wilmington's Lauren Rappoli's last second three-point shot bounce off the rim. "I couldn't believe we were still in the game at halftime. We gave [Wilmington] a lot of confidence.

"We certainly had our hands full in this game. We were flat. Offensively we did alright even though we made some bad choices. Defensively ... well I'm (upset) about that. I had to hold my breath everytime Wilmington had the ball."

Said Gillis, "That was pretty awesome. The girls played great. They didn't panic, defensively they were good, they boxed out and we got a lot of contributions from a lot of players. I was very impressed. We're 3-9 and to play like we did against a 7-5 team from the [Merrimack] Valley is just tremendous. It's just a shame we lost."

Tewksbury started off strong building a quick 7-2 lead. Then Wilmington turned up their game going on a 13-3 run, thanks basically to strong free throw shooting. After the game was nodded at 17, Wilmington went on a short 5-0 run as Lyndsey Borseti connected for a three-pointer and Kirsten Pizzoti, who played very well off the bench, hit a jump shot.

Rachel Burke hit two of her six treys on the game to put Tewksbury back into the game, but Pizzoti nailed two freebies and Julie Cronin connected on a buzzer beater giving the 'Cats a one-point lead at halftime.

Tewksbury came out strong in the second half. They built a six-point lead at 39-33 after Mandy Venuti scored on two free throws and then followed with a bank shot off the glass thanks to a nice pass from sophomore Courtney O'Brien. Wilmington sandwiched in several free throws, while Burke hit another three-pointer.

Wilmington hit on five more free throws, and then Sheri Thresher, who had a strong second half with 11 points and 8 rebounds, scored two on a nice inside feed to tie the game at 46 with 6:37 to go.

Then O'Brien got Tewksbury back on track. She hit a three-pointer, followed with a beautiful basket as she cut into the lane, and then she gave Tewksbury the lead for good with a steal and a lay-up making it 53-50. Tewksbury hung on with a one-point lead until Janelle LaFreniere stole a pass and went in for the lay-up to make it a three-point game with 1:44 to go.

Keri Gillespie hit one of two free throws with 19 seconds left, and Lisa Antonangeli did the same with 13 seconds left making it 55-54. O'Brien followed with one of two free throws with 9 seconds left. Wilmington inbounded the ball to Rappoli, who got a nice look to the basket but the shot just fell off the rim seconds before the buzzer went off.

Burke led the way with 19 points, including her half dozen shots from Down Town. O'Brien, who didn't play in the first half, had 12 points, while Venuti had 10.

Wilmington will travel to Manchester on Friday, followed by trips to Hamilton-Wenham (Monday), Pentucket (Wednesday) and North Andover (Friday). Wilmington needs to go 7-1 the rest of the way in order to qualify for the tournament for the first time in several years.



WILMINGTON HIGH SOPHOMORE LAUREN RAPPOLI takes a shot on net during a recent CAL girl's basketball game. (Photo by Jessica Stygles).

Boys' Hoop team qualifies early with win over Triton

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It was apparent on Thursday night just what Valence Nwachukwu means to the Wildcat boys' basketball team. The senior guard was sick a few days before and he missed the team's big game against North Andover which ended in a loss for the 'Cats.

On Thursday, Nwachuwku was back, obviously still not completely healthy, and obviously not back in game form yet. He didn't have his legs or his wind completely back, but his presence led the team to another 80 point offensive performance, as well as yet another team victory, a 80-53 thrashing over Triton Regional (2-8) at home.

Nwachukwu does so many things for the team offensively, excluding taking the burden off the handful of other talented offensive players. He ended up with 9 points, and was taken out every early in the second half, but more importantly he ran the offense, he made smart passes and allowed the team to play in a relax mode, which is something they strive off of.

The win was a huge one for the 'Cats. It got the team back on track after the loss to North Andover. Now the 'Cats stand at 10-2 overall, and four points ahead of the Knights for first place, despite having played one more game. North Andover is 7-2 in the league trailing the 'Cats who are 9-1. More importantly though the win on Thursday put Wilmington into the Division 3 state tournament for the sixth time in the past seven years.

"That's a big relief," said coach Jim McCune. "From a coach's point of view the earlier you get in the better. That gives you a lot of time to work on other aspects of your game.

"We've qualified now six of the last seven years and nine of the last thirteen years. And in each of the last three years we've been stuck in the sectional quarter-finals which is something we like to break. Qualifying again is something we're very proud of. That's a credit to the kids. We expect to make it every year, we don't hope to. We expect to.

"The kids really believe in themselves and now that we have qualified, we'd like to pursue the league title. And the kids have to realize that every game we play is for the league title - not just the rematch against North Andover."

Wilmington shot very well on Thursday night. They were just under 50 percent in the first half at 18-for-37 as they held a 14-point lead at 42-28. In the second half, McCune pulled most of his starters out early, and yet the team still shot 16-for-33 in the second half. The team combined for seven three-pointers including three from Craig Osgood. Osgood led the team with 21 points and 8 rebounds. Pat Taylor was the only other player to finish in double figures as he had 13. Nwachukwu led with 5 assists, while, Mike Jordan, Craig Osgood and his brother Sean, who came off the bench, contributed nicely with 4 assists each.

"These kids have a real good understanding, they have a purpose for the season," said McCune. "I really haven't had to push them too much. They are able to motivate themselves and they haven't diverted themselves from what we've been trying to do."

McCune was able to get every player in the game, while every player but one scored at least one point. Mike Herra continues to play very well as a defensive/hustler on the team, and he also connected for his second straight three-pointer. John Ferrari, Mike Kelley, Sean Osgood and Zach MItzan continue to give the team good minutes.

Wilmington has a very tough stretch coming up. Manchester comes to town on Friday and there should be no reason why the 'Cats shouldn't come away with the victory. After that, Wilmington will host Hamilton-Wenham (9-3) on Monday, Pentucket (10-1) on Wednesday and then North Andover on Friday. All four games are at home beginning at 7:00 pm.

Track teams jumping up a level

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Indoor track is very difficult for the members of the Wilmington boys' and girls' teams, especially the last few years. On Sunday, the level of difficulty leaped a few more steps.

Ever since Frank Kelley left back in the mid 90s, the teams have constantly juggled coaches basically every year between the indoor and outdoor seasons. Add to that no home track and bus trips to every meet (which included one bus trip taking them to the wrong site, which in turn cost the teams victories), hardly any place to practice and certainly that can be dwelling.

The last few years both teams have done pretty well when it comes to state meets. This year though the team was bumped up to Class C from Class D. Now they have to face teams like King Philip, Bishop Feehan, Milton and Tewksbury who have usually finished among the top five teams in any Class C Meet.

On Sunday, although both teams didn't place in the top six in any event from teams in the Class C State Relay Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, members of both teams put forth strong efforts during the long day.

The girls team is coached by Megan Donahue. The 26-year-old was a captain at Notre Dame of Hingham during her high school track days. She is fairly new to the school and has helped out the track team last year. She admits that she has made mistakes in her first year as head coach, but she's very excited, enthuastic of the girls talents and it appears as if she can get the program steered back in the right direction.

"It's a little intimidating for the girls to be in Class C," she said. "It's a much bigger and better field and with such a young team that's very hard. We practiced all week on passing the baton and I was pleased with our hand-offs. I think all of the practicing paid off."

As for the boys team, they have had co coaches for both of the spring and indoor teams in each of the last few years. This season, Bob Cripps has returned, while newcomer Mike Kinney of Chelmsford has come on to share the duties. The boys team is very quiet. They seem to work hard, try to improve and just basically mind their own business.

The highlight of Sunday's meet for the girls came from their 4x400 relay team. The team of Melissa Marques, Michelle Brush, Katherine Chin and Michaela Rufo knocked 8 seconds off their best time after each of them had run in other events. Performances like that is certainly a stepping stone.

"The 4x400 team was phenomenal," said Donahue. "The 4:25 time was their personal best and each of them ran great."

Chin teamed with Mary Sullivan, Alicia Braid and Tina Walkling in the 1,600 sprint medley race and they finished 18th place out of 32 teams with a combined time of 5:00.10. Marques, Brush, Rufo and freshman Debbie Lyons finished 10th overall in the 4x800 relay race combining to finish at 10:46.60. An improvement of 12 seconds and the team would've placed sixth.

The foursome of Stephanie Winn, Lisa Hurley, Heather Dorothy and Ryan McIver finished 20th in the 4x50 shuttle hurdles with a combined time of 36.83. Dorothy, Winn, Katie Visalli and Caitlyn McNabb ran well in the 4x200 relay race as they finished 30th with a time of 2:06.90. The distance medley team of Foley, McNabb, Lyons and Katherine McMahon also put in fine efforts.

As for the boys they had several strong performances. The team if Shane Gaffney, Jason Gustin, Brian Schell and Johnny Lee finished 9th overall in the 4x800 race with a time of 9:09.20. Almost ten seconds better and the team would've placed behind Walpole, King Philip, Bishop Feehan, Tewksbury and Westborough. The 1,600 sprint medley team of Chris Murray, Pete Waysville, Tim Robillard and Matt Goldblatt finished 20th at 4:17.70.

Other teams doing well were the long jump trio (10th place, 46 feet), the 4x50 shuttle hurdles (19th place, 35.57), the distance medley team (12th place, 12:19.70) and the 4x200 team (17th place, 1:43.50).

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Squirt B's enjoy success at local tournament

Playing with almost a complete roster, Wilmington Squirt B's shot out onto the ice like flying pinballs searching to score off the bumpers. Skating hard in this George "Timmy" Ernest Christmas Squirt Tournament Wilmington demonstrated solid play in the first two periods versing archrival Tewksbury.

However, with slightly more than a minute remaining in period two, the always-ready Redmen scored thrice leaving a bewildered, but not beaten Wilmington team. Every available unit in this skating machine was well primed for a fierce comeback. Wilmington's cool blue saw red starting with steady defensive play by Brendan Foley staying with his man, Jesse Rossetti using some muscle, Paul Bruce controlling the puck when it counted most an Jared Hayes demonstrating strength at the blue line. Of course, one cannot overlook the saving savior, Peter Cushing guarding the goal like a sure-footed sentinel allowing the offense to make their mark on the opposition. Third period action was intense until the final seconds of the game. Scoring opportunities were initiated by a breakaway pass from Liam Gately to Matt Kincaid ringing the bell. Then it would be Philip D'Arcangelo lifting the rubber in an unassisted top shelf goal. With less than two minutes remaining, Liam Gately directed the puck into the five hole to finalize the action with a tied game.

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Vs Billerica

Heh, time out for a regular season Valley League game with Billerica. The boys in blue were tried and true hitting the ice at 7:15 a.m. eyes wide open. Billerica was on the board with two goals in the first period of play. Wilmington, revving their engines, was ready to perform with a steady lineup of Philip D'Arcangelo and Chris Thibault assisting fellow linesman Frank Sorrentino in the first period.

Next, Liam Gately drove one home assisted by Lewis Robertson. What would a game be like without Matt Kincaid making his point assisted by a well positioned Paul Bruce and Liam Gately? Offensive play was aided by strong defensive support from Jesse Rossetti and Brendan Foley. Jared Hayes always demonstrating his versatility maintaining a dual identity was consistent at his positions taking sure shots from the point and down low as a forward that unfortunately were saved. Peter Cushing was alert in net making kick and glove saves minding his territory well.

Third period play involved a couple of unassisted breakaway goals by Liam Gately and Chris Thibault. The final bid for points on the board were delivered by Matthew Farrell assisted by fellow linesman, Liam Gately.

Vs Tewksbury

This was a game that demonstrated Wilmington's level of determination to show they were contenders with a force. Action was fast paced from the gitgo with Wilmington getting on the board with an airborne shot by Paul Bruce assisted by Philip D'Arcangelo and Frankie Sorrentino.

In the second period, Wilmington lit the lamp with a turbo corner goal by Lewis Robertson assisted by Liam Gately. Third period was the wrap up to move the Cats into the finals to face Woburn. Great ice coverage and attentive play by Jared Hayes, Brendan Foley and Jesse Rossetti allowed the momentum to be sustained in the offensive zone for the Cats to capitalize twice before bidding audios to the retiring Redmen.

Liam Gately hurled one in the net assisted by Jared Hayes and Lewis Robertson. The final points were made by a dynamic duo, Frankie Sorrentino scoring assisted by Chris Thibault.

Woburn Washout

Where did we go with this game? This game looked like a repeat of Wednesday's performance with the Wildcats and Tanners playing spirited hockey with tournament frenzy However, this time the outcome wasn't as favorable.

For the first two periods and well into the third both teams remained scoreless. Defensive hockey kept the play in the neutral zone for much of this game until just less than four minutes remained, at which time the Cats tanks went dry while the Tanners played on looking like the Everready Rabbits. The Tanners managed to light the lamp four times in the last four minutes through good positional play and solid hockey discipline.

Final Game

The final match-up in this tournament would be with Woburn. Woburn opened up the first period with a two goal lead. Wilmington exhibited strong legs and sensibility in the neutral zone, but the rubber just wasn't bouncing in their favor this night. The opposition witnessed its presence twice in their lair during the second period, but it wasn't quite enough for the competitive Cats.

Chris Thibault scored assisted by Philip D'Arcangelo and Frankie Sorrentino. Then the last mark to be recorded in Wilmington's favor would be a laser shot by Paul Bruce from the point. Woburn skated away the victors, having scored five times over the course of the game, but not without glancing over their shoulders for another look.

At the conclusion the Wildcats skated to center to congratulate the winning Tanners on their fine tournament play and well deserved championship. They then received well deserved runner up trophies to memorialize the hard work and determined play. Good job boys!

Squirt D's lose to Andover 5-1

The Wilmington Squirt D hockey crew lost to a tenacious Andover team last Sunday at the Ristuccia Center by a score of 5-1. The loss was only their second league loss since being re-aligned into the Silver North Division shortly before Christmas.

Moving to the tougher Silver North Division has proven somewhat of a challenge, as well as a bit of a reality check for a team that had previously known nothing but whopping success. Prior to the assignment, the D's were 5-0-0 in the Silver South Division, and since have gone 3-2-0. But Wilmington has responded well to the challenge, beating three of the four divisional opponents it has faced and conceding its only two SN division losses to Andover by scores of 3-2 on January 2 and 5-1 last Sunday.

The twin losses to Andover, though, underscore the mounting hurdles that lie ahead for the D's, as beginning February they will move up to the still tougher Red Central Division where the same Andover team began its Valley League season with less than sparkling results. Andover in fact, lost its first five games in the Red Central Division with a goal differential of minus 21, but have since won five straight in the Silver North, including two against Wilmington. If that's any sign of the level of competition the Cats will be facing next month, they have their work cut out for them.

Still, the D's needn't take all these dizzying statistics too much to heart, considering that the misleading 5-1 loss Sunday featured two open netters at game's end, and that Wilmington, playing with only two lines, had an apparent goal disallowed when down only 3-1 with plenty of time left. Moreover, in Sunday's match-up the Wildcats played exceptionally well, more like the Squirt D's of old than the spotty D's of late, with crisp passing, taut defense from Kyle Gaffey, Jon See, Brian Fitzpatrick, Alex Williams and Tom Callahan and lots of hustle and shots from Cole Carter, John Moriarty, Andrew Flodin, Brian Courtu and Callahan.

Wilmington had nine shots on net to Andover's one in the first period and outshot them 10 to four in the second, but Andover was up 2-0 in the second before Wilmington broke through. On that score, winger Bret Kidik airmailed one past goalie Chris Caradonna to close the gap to 2-1, after defenseman Jon See instigated the play by stealing the puck, finessing it up ice and laying it off to Kidik. Wildcat goalie Zach Rosa stopped two shots that had goal written all over them to hold the line going into the third frame.

In the third, Andover went up 3-1 on the third of three shots taken up close and personal on Rosa at 5:14. Rosa expertly saved two and nearly three, but the third penetrated. Kidik then shortly thereafter lofted a shot for Wilmington that appeared to break the plane, but the apparent goal was waived off and the D's had to start anew to close the gap.

Hustling to score and with time running down, Wilmington pulled Rosa off the ice with 1:15 remaining. The D's pressed had, but could not come up with the needed goals. Andover slipped in two open net shots with 10 seconds and one second left to close it at 5-1.

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Illinois puts up 26 points in win over Michigan State

Illinois 26, Michigan State 6

Illinois was led in scoring by the hot shooting of Nick Godzyk with 14, James Stokes, 10 and Michael Donahue added four points. Kevin Mitchell and Elio Dimambro led Illinois in rebounding.

Michigan State was led in scoring by Anthony Desimone with five points, Matthew Nobile with four and Dylan Sullivan with one. Giancarlo Patriarca and Marcello Lessa led Michigan State in rebounding.

Michigan 22, Indiana 17

Michigan was led by the hot shooting of Vinny Scifo 17 points, Michael Brent 2, John Avanitis two, and Greg Clarkin one.

Indiana was led in scoring by Cody Pelletier with nine points, Jimmy Welch with six, Adam Paquette and Nick Marciello with two apiece.

Penn. State 20, Ohio State 19

In one of the best games of the year Penn State upset Ohio State. Penn State was led in scoring by Ben Taylor with 10 points, Adam Kline with four, Robbie Fisher with four and Zach Copp with two.

Ohio State was led by the balanced scoring of William Prince with six points, Andrew Wells with six, Andrew Spurr with four, Cameron Garrant with two and Adam Collela who had a single point.

Wisconsin 29, Purdue 12

Wisconsin's offense was too much as they beat a tough Purdue team. Wisconsin was led in scoring by Chris Frissore with eight points, Derek Duggin with eight, Chris Dicecca with four, Michael Micallizzi with three, Gordon Fitch with three, Derek O'De with two and Cameron Medb ry with one point.

Pu due was led in scoring by Mich l Garcia with eight points and DJ Li rmore with four points. Brian Halas and Jonathan Davidson led Purdu in rebounding.

George Washington 22, UMass 19

George Washington's (GW) was too m ch as they defeated a tough UMas team. G.W. was led in scoring by Michelle Winchell and Jennifer Carroll with eight points each. Allison Robbins made four points, Stefany Barcellos and Brittany McLaughlin added two points each.

UMass was led in scoring by Jessica Stukey with 17 points and Nicole Luz with three.

LaSalle 14, Rhode Island 10

In a game that went back and forth, LaSalle beat R.I. LaSalle was led in scoring by Chelsie Babcock with eight points, Jacquilyn Zaremba with four and Allison Blier with two.

R.I was led in scoring by Leigha Carroll with eight points and Shannon Keely with two. Bridget Blaisdell and Kimmie Nasiff led R.I. on defense.

Temple 15, Xavier 12

Temple was led in scoring by Shannon Maggio with six points, Amy Fay with five, Courtney See and Kellyn Campbell with two points each.

Xavier was led in scoring by Jillian Fudge with four points, Aubrey Ungvarsky, Kelly Branano, Manda Barnes and Julie Braid with two points apiece.

Fordham 14, St. Joe's 13

Fordham was led in scoring by Lisa Capozzi with six points, Katelyn Hayes with four, Meghan Wamboldt with two, Kayla Davidson with two and Amelia Woodbury made one point.

St. Joe's was led in scoring by Bryanna Mara with four points, Jacqui Lyman with four, Kelley Duffy, Kerri Spry and Kristen Keller added two points each.

Big 12 Division

Baylor 44, Kansas 34

Bayl r's huge lead during the first ha was good enough to withstand a te surge by Kansas as they went o to victory, 44 to 34. High scorers or Baylor were Nick Zappala with 14 Kyle Borseti with 10 and Evan Borseti with 10.

High scorers for Kansas were Brendan Sheehan with 16, Matt Derian with nine and Mike Condell with five. Ryan Jones, Carlton Lentini and Justin Cerra each scored four points to round the balanced scoring attack of Baylor. Mike DeLuca, Matt Pennie and Mike Stewart made a game of it for Kansas.

Nebraska 48, Texas 29

Nebraska was too strong for Texas, winning by the store of 48 to 29. High scorers for Nebraska were Derek Stukey with 22, Jonathan Chirichiello with 16 and Brad Lucas with eight.

High scorers for Texas were William Starrett with 14, Brett Robbins with eight and Matt Companeschi with three. Justin Patel, Steve Wamboldt and Nick Jaundice made great passes for Nebraska.

Greg Sweeney, Shaun Champey and Nathan Clarkin worked hard in the trenches for Texas.

Oklahoma 41, Colorado 37

Oklahoma came from behind to remain unbeaten defeating Colorado by the score of 41 to 37. High scorers for Oklahoma were Pat Ryan with 15, Greg Stewart with 14 and Dave Reed with four.

High scorers for Colorado were Zach Fahey with 12, Dan Bemis with eight and Brendan O'Riordan with six. Richard Murray, Pat Cassidy and Bill Crowley played tough defense when it counted for Oklahoma. Kevin Carter, Ryan Fahey and Dan Evans were awesome on the boards for Colorado.

Texas Tech 63, Kansas State 40

Texas Tech's offense was too hot to stop as they cruised by Kansas State by the score of 63 to 40. High scorers for Texas Tech were Joe Gore with 16, Matt Brooks with 14, Steve McIsaac with nine and Robert McIsaac with eight.

High scorers for Kansas State were Mike Thomas with 18, Kyle Nims with 14 and James Cuoco with seven. Scott Bransfield, Tim Rossetti, Joe Polcari and Brad Vermula all scored big baskets for Texas Tech. Steve Shibilia, Chris Bocchino and Charlie Waitt played an inspired game for Kansas State.

Iowa State 31, Missouri 29

With a grand total of 41 fouls called during this tense game between Iowa State and Missouri, Iowa State ended up winning the battle, even with three players fouling out of the game. The final score was 31 to 29.

High scorers for Iowa State were Josh Mayo with 23, Dan Patterson with three, Jerry Smith with three and Justin Loguidice with two.

High scorers for Missouri were Mike Larffarello with nine, Zach Church with six and Andrew Valente with six. James Ham, Nathan Mercer and Nick Powers were very aggressive on the boards for Iowa State.

Trevor Cormier, Brendan Foley and Dave Rak were very aggressive on the boards for Missouri.

Texas A&M 43, Oklahoma State 33

Texas A&M defeated Oklahoma State by the score of 43 to 33. High scorers for Texas A&M were Tim Kent with 12, Justin Patrie with nine and Matt Bibeau with eight.

High scorers for Oklahoma State were Nick Duggan with 24, Mike Pizzotti with five, Chris Azevedo with two and Steve Tello with two. Chris Murray, Matt Hope and John Tranfaglia led the offensive charge for Texas A&M. Nick Underwood, Jared Waite and Dan Mills played hard at both ends of the court for Oklahoma State.

WAC Division

BYU 22, Air Force 14

BYU defeated Air Force by the score of 22-14. High scorers for BYU were Derek Queen with 10, Christian Gubitosi with four and Jacob Briere with four. High scorers for Air Force were Justin Rivera with six, Keegan Farnham with four, Ryan Malone with two and Dan McCarthy with two.

Adam Dell'Aria, Mike Kelley and Matt Bocchino hustled up and down the court for BYU. Ryan Bemis, Eric Murray and Joe Warren made all the right moves for Air Force.

UNLV 23, Wyoming 12

UNLV keeps on going just like the Everyready Bunny beating Wyoming by the score of 23 to 12. High scorers for UNLV were Mike Murphy with 15, Jacob Bailey with four and Connor O'Riordan with four.

High scorers for Wyoming were Jonathan Rizzo with four, Cody White with four and Tim Patrie with four. Thomas Burr, Greg Fields and Evan Butters stole the show for UNLV. Joe Rastellani, Marty Bamberg and Dan MacKinnon played hard on both ends of the court for Wyoming.

Utah 24, Rice 21

Utah held on to defeat Rice by the score of 24 to 21. High scorers for Utah were Matt Celeste with 11, Ryan Pennie with six and Tom Valente with four.

High scorers for Rice were Jeff Kannally with eight, Nick Boutoures with four, Kyle Curtis with two, Sean Furlong with two, Matt Scullari with two and Tim Woodland with two. Tyler Valente, Steve Souza, Dan Baima and Connor Clifford played an important role in the victory for Utah. Mike Tedesco, Nolan Giroux and Cameron Sheppard played a great game for Rice.

Big East

Providence 25, Syracuse 16

Providence prevailed over Syracuse 25-16. Mike Scola led the Friar attack with 12 points while Scott Bonica added eight. Ryan Savini, Matt Kincaid and Cory Kulacz also chipped in with hoops for the victors.

Ryan Searles scored six points while Matt Hachey and Justin Chenevert notched four to power the Orangemen's well balanced scoring. Justin Baker, Steve Baker and Matt Capozzi assisted on a number of key buckets for Syracuse.

Georgetown 32, Boston College 26

Georgetown outscored Boston College 32-26. Mike DeNefrio scored 17 points while Andrew Cazeau scored five, Justin DiPienzo scored four as did Brian Williams for Georgetown. Michael Chricosta, Jim DiNuccio and Chris Greenwood hustled on defense for the Hoyas.

Tim Shumsky scored 16 points, Dan Dellisola added eight and Jon Marcou added a hoop for the Eagles. Andrew Flodin, Conor Murphy and Patrick Boyle earned a number of important assists for BC.

Notre Dame 35, Miami 34

Notre Dame edged Miami 35-34. Richard Belding notched 16 points while Dylan Reed and Matt Sculari each earned six points for the Fighting Irish. Jason Porcira, Steve Doucette and Matt Hogan played a great all-around game for Notre Dame. Jon Spurr poured in 14 points, Brian Cote earned 10 and Scott Bonish added eight for the Hurricanes. William McGrath, Ryan Fields and Ryan Townsend pulled down some key rebounds for the Canes.

Villanova 35, St. Johns 25

Villanova defeated St. Johns 35-25. Ben Stukey scored 12 points, brother Billy earned nine and Ryan McCarthy and Tom Repetta each added six to lead Nova to victory. Anthony Marinella, Cory Masota and David McNee played strong defense for the Wildcats.

Anthony Nihan earned 12 points, Mike Manganelli scored seven and Chris O'Brien added four for the Red Storm. Zach Malone, Jayce Humes and Steve Silva were immense on defense for St. Johns.

NBA

Cavaliers 45, Wizards 43

The Cavaliers edged the Wizards 45-43 on a buzzer beating runner by Sean MacSweeney. Anthony Acevedo led the Cavs in scoring with 12 points, followed by Derek Flodin and David Paris with eight apiece. Corey Sheehan, Joe DiMare and Kevin Paris played outstanding defense for the Cavaliers. Sean Murphy scored 16 points while teammates Jared Nims and Tim Ryan scored eight apiece for the Wizards.

Mike Fogarty, Misha Glozomitsky and Kevin Cole chipped in with key hoops for the Wizards.

Grizzlies 36, Lakers 28

The Grizzlies outscored the Lakers 36-28. Keith Brandero notched 16 points. Tom Miele added seven and Jeremy Schuh added six for the Grizzlies. Mike Fitzgerald, Matt Olsen and Chris Clark dished out a number of key assists for the Grizzlies.

Mike Skinner and Jesse Cammarata notched seven apiece while Scott Hanson added six points for the Lakers. Brian Wilson, Sean Wilson and Steve Iorio played intense defense for the Lakers.

Bulls 44, Celtics 37

The Bulls downed the Celtics 44-37. David Celli knocked down 11 points. Jim Brady scored eight and Ryan Orsburn scored seven for the victory. Brian Sullivan, Ryan Trulli and Rocco Puccio played inspired defense for the Bulls.

Eddie Kaufman scored 12 points, Joe Mayo scored 10 while Chris Ng, Mike Frissore and Dan Kline each chipped in four points for the Celts. Jeff Youngclaus and Mike Vassallo dished out a number of key assists for the Green.

Nets 53, Knicks 51

The Nets toppled the Knicks 53-51 in a run and gun affair. Mark Giordano scored 13, Bobby Sinopoli added 12 and Chris Marcin scored 10 points to lead the balanced scoring attack for the Nets. Peter Rosselini, Dan Reed and Nick Hogan played a great defensive game for the Nets.

Andy Otovic notched 20 points. Matt Stewart and Ryan Quigley scored 13 apiece to lead the unlucky Knicks. Joe Malmaron and Sean Flynn helped the Knicks cause with several assists.

Pac Ten

Washington 28, Arizona St. 23

In the Pac Ten, Washington defeated Arizona State 28-23. Brianne Bozzella with 14 points and Ashley Vitale were top scorers for Washington. Brittany Winchell and Christine Marques with eight points apiece led the way for Arizona State.

Renee Suprenant and Katie Arsenault had numerous assists for the Huskies. Nina Burke, Cassandra Longo and Susan Livermore played an inspired game for Arizona State.

Stanford 36, Oregon 19

Stanford defeated Oregon 36-19. Stephanie Sauve with 12 points, Christine Iaquinto with 10 and Jessica Stira with six led the way for Stanford. Alyssa Brown with nine points, Jill Manganelli with six and Lauren Hitchins with four scored for Oregon.

Stanford also received timely hoops from Taryn Martiniello, Leah Potcner, Jillian Miranda and Alana Lacey. Rachel Haggerty and Ashley Troy played a solid two way game for Oregon.

UCLA 22, USC 4

UCLA defeated USC 22-4. Katie Cole with 12 points and Katelyn Sullivan with seven were the lead scorers for UCLA.

Kerri Stinson and Samantha Souza scored for USC. Madeline Sahla and Brittany Mulrenan were immense on the boards for UCLA. Colleen Carroll, Danielle Miles and Shiloh Bramanto-Cohen solid defense for USC.

Arizona 20, California 19

Arizona defeated California 20-19. Cassie Doherty and Elysha Clancy led Arizona with 10 and eight points respectively. Natalie Melkonian with eight points and Deirdre Carroll with four led the way for California.

Jen O'Neil and Kathryn Nelson contributed key hoops during the contest for Arizona. Mary Cote, Nicole Nihan and Dana Nolan also scored during the contest for California to keep the game close.

WNBA

Sparks 24, Monarchs 11

The Sparks defeated the Monarchs 24-11. Emily Largenton with 14 points and Brittany Collins with six were the top scorers for the Sparks. Megan Godding with seven points and Caitlin Harrington with three were the top scorers for the Monarchs.

Erin Magee and Amy Lentini controlled the glass for the Sparks. Julie McIsaac and Alyssa Sullivan hustled at both ends of the floor for the Monarchs.

Comets 41, Mercury 24

The Comets defeated the Mercury 41-24. Lani Cabral Pini with 13 points, Alyssa Bibeau with 12 and Alicia Murray with seven led the way for the comets. Amanda Miles with eight points, Kelly Crosby with seven and Ryan Murphy with seven were the top scorers for the Mercury.

Karla Ellis and Stephanie Steeves were strong on the boards for the comets. Teresa DeSimone and Jaclyn Souza battled at both ends of the floor for the Mercury.

Liberty 39, Fire 16

The Liberty defeated the Fire 39-16. Marjorie Taylor led all scorers in the contest with game high 18 points. Ashley Poirier did her best for the Fire countering with 11. The Liberty had a balanced attack as Kat Strazzere, Taylor Duffy, Julie Swain, Jillian Guzinski and Lauren Bonica all scored for the Liberty.

Erin Lloyd, Katelyn Roberts and Kerry Velozza played a solid two way game for the Fire.

Ivy League

Brown 37, Dartmouth 18

Brown defeated Dartmouth 37-18. Brown had a balanced attack led by Kerry Hanafin with 18 points and Stephanie Woods with 10 points. Michelle White with six points, Kristen Browne with four and Lisa Rooker with four led Dartmouth on offense.

Erin McMahon and Courtney Ryan had multiple assists for Brown. Erica Beraldi, Shannon Jones and Devin White played a solid two way game for Dartmouth.

Yale 27, Harvard 15

Yale defeated Harvard 27-15. Natalie Russo with 14 points and Kelly Walsh with eight led the way for Yale.

Jamie Burns with eight points, Maureen Worthington with four and Charlotte Jensen with four were top scorers for Harvard. Kaitlin Foy, Lorraine Simoneau and Kayla Godding played tenacious defense for Yale. Danielle Polcari, Colleen Kennedy and Miranda Simpson played a solid game at both ends of the floor for Harvard.

Pee Wee C's edge Stoneham

Wilmington 3, Stoneham 2

Wilmington's first game in the District 10 playdowns on 1/19/02 was against a strong Stoneham C team. It was a hard fought battle from the opening faceoff, with Stoneham scoring the first goal early in the game. With 3:18 left in the first period, the Wildcats finally got on the scoreboard. Assists went to Steve Wombolt for his initial shot on the excellent Stoneham goalie, then to Mark Grassia for his shot, with Stefano Santini finally putting it past the goalie.

The second period started with the two teams tied at 1-1, and both teams working hard. Wilmington took the lead early in the second period with a goal by Scott Benard, assisted by George Boudreau, both had been working hard for this one in front of the Stoneham net. Stoneham kept up the pressure and was able to score again with 7:17 left in the second period, tying the score at 2-2. Just a minute later, Wilmington went ahead to stay with a beauty by George Boudreau, who fired it off the post and into the net. This goal was assisted by Lauren Heenan. The ever vigilant goaltending of Danny Metcalf denied any further goals by Stoneham.

The third period was exciting with excellent defense played by Lauren Heenan, D.J. Bemis, Johnny Kincaid and George Boudreau. With their help, the forwards Scott Benard, Kevin Carter, Scott Dacko, Marc Grassia, Matt Hope, Stefano Santini, and Steve Wombolt kept working the puck into Stoneham's end, only to be denied further goals, despite several great shots on net! With 1:25 remaining in the game, Stoneham called a time out. Once play resumed, Stoneham was finally able to get the puck into Wilmington's end, pulling their goalie and adding a sixth attacker. All hopes for Stoneham ended when Kevin Carter made a great heads up play, clearing the puck from the Wilmington end. The PeeWee D's now look forward to the second game of the series on 1/20 against the PeeWee Es!

Wilmington PeeWee D 7,
Wilmington PeeWee E 5

The second game of the District 10 Playdowns pitted two Wilmington teams against each other. The game got off to a quick start with Chris Welsh scoring the first goal, and Jared Waite assisting, putting the Es up 1-0. With 4:49 remaining in the first period Steve Wombolt put the Ds on the board with an assist from George Boudreau. Two minutes later, Stefano Santini put the Ds up 2-1 with assists from Boudreau and Johnny Kincaid. With 45 seconds remaining in the first, Boudreau, who was assisted with an nice feed from Lauren Heenan, put the Ds ahead 3-1.

The first six minutes of the second period remained scoreless, with both goalies Danny Metcalf and Richie Murray making several spectacular saves. At 5:43 Boudreau scored again with assists from Matt Hope and DJ Bemis. Less than a minute later on a powerplay, Scott Dacko scored for the Ds assisted by Katelyn Lynch. With the score 5-1 the Es came storming back with a beautiful goal by Keith Little assisted by Chris Welsh.

With seconds remaining on an E penalty, Scott Dacko scored on a pass from Matt Hope, the score now 6-2. With 17 seconds remaining in the second period and two Ds in the penalty box, David Sweet drilled it by Metcalf, with assists going to Welsh and Ryan Loring. The second period ended with the Ds up 6-3.

Early in the third period Murray denied another goal by the Ds with a sprawling save. At 5:23 Welsh scored an unassisted goal to shrink the Ds lead to two. One minute later the Es scored again, Little from Waite, and now it was a one goal game! The Ds quickly called a time out to regroup with the score 6-5. The Ds were able to hold the Es off, finally securing the win with an open net goal by Scott Dacko, giving him a hat trick and another assist to Boudreau. The PeeWee Ds advanced to the semifinal game assist Medford C-1 on the 21st.

Medford 4, Wilmington 2

Don't let the score mislead you, this was a hard fought, very close game with a fast pace and plenty of excitement! In this semi-final game, Medford took the lead early in the first period. The score was tied with a little over four minutes remaining in the period by George Boudreau, assisted by Kevin Carter and Lauren Heenan.

Early in the second period Medford again took the lead, only to have the score tied again with an unassisted goal by Boudreau. Danny Metcalf was phenomenal in net, turning away several shots, with saves on the ice and in the air! The second period ended with the score tied at 2-2 and emotions were running high.

The pace in the third period remained fast, with defensemen DJ Bemis, Johnny Kincaid, Lauren Heenan and Katelyn Lynch consistently working the puck out of Wilmington's end. At 11:15 Medford scored from the corner taking the lead at 3-2. Great hustle and effort from all of the forwards, Scott Benard, George Boudreau, Kevin Carter, Scott Dacko, Marc Grassia, Matt Hope, Stefano Santini and Steve Wombolt but they were unable to get it past the Medford goalie. With 30 seconds remaining in the game, Medford put the game out of reach for Wilmington with an empty net goal. The PeeWee Ds should be proud of the great effort and great game they played!

Hockey instructional clinic

Wilmington Youth Hockey will be offering a hockey instructional clinic. This clinic will consist of six hockey skills sessions and a hockey game on the final afternoon.

The space for this is limited to the first 35 players who sign up. Sign-ups are Tues., Jan. 29 and Tues., Feb. 5 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the rink.

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Under 10B Boys soccer team busy during winter season

The U10 Boys B travel team met with rival Ice Breakers at the Dracut Sports Center in what amounted to a trouncing of Lowell's rookie team. Along with Nick Boutoures in net, defensemen Marty Bamberg and Drew Cazeau stood at the ready, though not much action would make its way into Wilmington's end. The forward line of Chris Cieplik, Eric Murray and Caleb Rogers were off to a fast and furious attack as Rogers scored off midfield pass from D. Cazeau. Next, Rogers scored a left footed goal assisted by Murray. At 2-0, Wildcat coaching made some quick shifts.

As the Cazeau Brothers (Chris and Drew) manned the back half, James Marra, Dan McCauley and Jared Ravagni moved the offense to a fever pitch. Some very creative officiating led Lowell to score its first and only goal of the day. Soon after, Marra planted one between the pipes, unassisted. The score now 3-1. Both McCauley and Ravagni made two shots on net apiece.

Another shift put Murray and Rogers on defense while D. Cazeau, Cieplik and Bamberg moved the line forward. Bamberg scored, assisted by D. Cazeau while Murray made three shots one too wide, the others blocked. Cieplik scored. unassisted. on his second attempt on net. Wildcats lead the game 5-1 and that's not the half of it. Frequent Wildcat shifting allowed the team to play most every position in an attempt not to run up the score. However unless these Wildcats were planning on standing still during the match, the scoring would continue. C. Cazeau and McCauley made two great shots on net and Rogers scored his hat trick from the red line. Bamberg scored again, assisted by a Cieplik rebound and yet again, unassisted for his hat trick. At the half, the score stood at 8-1.

So as not to appear unsportsman like, Wildcats were attempting to overpass and avoid scoring if possible. However, as mentioned before, Wilmington was clearly undermatched by Lowell and scoring was often inevitable. Marra and Murray locked down the defense as Bamberg opted to guard the pipes. Boutoures, McCaulay and Ravagni comprised the offensive explosion about to ensue. Ravagni scored off an assist by McCauley and then scored a second unassisted goal minutes later. The damage was currently 10-1. Again, position shifting became the norm and the boys were asked to start kicking and passing with their opposite feet. Murray made three shot attempts, two from the red line. Cieplik scored his second of the match, totaling the numbers to 11-1.

In its final minutes which must have felt like hours to the opposing team, McCauley scored a beauty, while Boutoures scored off several rebounds, and yes, moments later, McCauley scored his second of the game! Cieplik ended the game with the third goal of his hat trick, summing it all up at 15-1.

Wildcats look forward to next week's 7 a.m. eye opener game vs the Tyngsboro Tigers.

Soccer team takes on Tigers

After last week's scoring melee against the Lowell Ice Breakers, the Wilmington U10 Boys travel team hoped for livelier competition from their Tyngsboro rivals at the Dracut Sports Center. Players and fans alike had to be bright eyed for the 7 a.m. start time.

Marty Bamberg took control of the net for the first half of the match. To start, the defensive line was comprised of Evan Butters, the indoor team's new acquisition and Drew Cazeau, both becoming physical barriers to opponent scoring. Forwards Nick Boutoures, Dan McCauley and Jared Ravagni were off and running, leading Boutoures to an early goal, assisted by Ravagni. McCauley made two more shots on net before the lines shifted. Next, the siblings pair of Chris and Drew Cazeau anchored down the defense so that James Marra, Eric Murray and Caleb Rogers could run the ball. Mara scored on a pass from Rogers, tallying up the score to 2-0. After some amount of movement into the Wilmington end, Marra took the ball and scored again on an unassisted breakaway; Wildcats led 4-0.

While the Tigers offered some degree more of competitiveness, the Wildcats continued to dominate the offense. Again, coaches were able to move players around into positions not normally played, giving the Cats some diversified experience on the field. D. Cazeau and McCauley now secured the back half of the field so that Boutoures, Butters and Ravagni could take multiple shots on net. Boutoures eventually scored off a deflection from the Tyngsboro goalie. The score mounted, in Wilmington's favor to 4-0.

Not unlike the week before, Cats seemed confident in their abilities to pass, as many great goals were precisely positioned. The remaining shifts of the half would see C. Cazeau score, unassisted and McCauley rifle yet another bullet between the pipes, assisted by D. Cazeau. The Wildcats went into the halftime break up 6-0.

Rogers got the nod to head for the net for the second half. Marra and Murray created a barrier to the net so that Bamberg, C. Cazeau and Cieplik could make quick work of moving the ball into the Tigers' den. Bamberg made a beautiful goal with the help of a pass from Cieplik taking the roar right out of Tyngsboro's team.

Positional shifting seemed to be the special of the day, as Wildcats continued to dominate from both the offensive and defensive ends. Butters scored the eighth goal unassisted while Boutoures scored the ninth on a flying breakaway. After several ball rushes, Butters scored his second, the team's 10 goal, assisted by Boutoures. The final word was spoken when Cieplik scored the 11th point, assisted by C. Cazeau and Marra. Wildcat fans may look forward to next week's challenge at noon vs Tyngsboro's #1 Tigers.

Mite D's show off defense, shut out Masconomet, 4-0

The Wilmington Mite D Wildcats returned to their winning ways this past weekend with two big wins. The first game was played on Saturday at the Merrimack Valley Forum against the Masco Mite B squad. Wilmington came out determined and pressed the attack the entire game and dominated in the attacking zone. Crisp passing and swarming defense provided the Cats with a decisive 4-0 victory. The Cats domination was so complete that Masco managed only one shot on goaltender Tyler Stillings.

Jackie Mulrenan got the Cats on the board in the first period scoring on a pass from defenseman Steven Taylor. In the second period the Cats continued to pressure Masco and they scored perhaps the prettiest goal of the season. Jon Luke Dee had the puck at the top of the left faceoff circle in Masco's end of the ice. He bounced a pass off the boards back to the point to defenseman Meaghan Souza. Meaghan waited for the defender to approach her and calmly dished it back to Jon Luke who promptly passed it to Jackie Mulrenan down low at the circle. Jackie alertly spotted Frankie Cerbone moving into position in front of the net. Jackie made a perfect pass to Frankie who fired the puck home for the goal. This type of "Tic-Tac-Toe" play is seldom seen at this level and is a tribute to the kids and their ability to learn and play heads-up hockey.

The third period was all Wilmington as they continued to dominate play in the attacking zone. The few times Masco got past the Cat forwards, the strong Wilmington defense shut them down. The third goal of the game was scored by Jimmy O'Neill who used determination and hustle to get the shot off and past the Masco goalie. Jimmy had hit the post earlier in the game but continued to work hard and it finally paid off. Assisting on the play were Danny Dighton and Cameron Owens. Nick Luise closed out the scoring for the Cast as he took a nice pass from Tommy See for the final goal.

Wilmington 1, Tewksbury 0

On Sunday at Hockeytown the Cats played one of the most exciting games of the season against a strong Tewksbury C team. The game was a back and forth affair with both teams working hard to put pressure on the goaltenders. Tyler Stillings played a tremendous game in net for the Cats as did his Tewksbury opponent. Both goalies turned away everything that was thrown at him (and her). Defensively, the Cats had a strong group consisting of Ian Haggerty, Nick Pino, Meaghan Souza, Daniel Dighton and Steven Taylor each of whom made tremendous plays to thwart the Tewksbury attack.

At forward, JT Lynch, Nick Luise, Tommy See on first line; Jackie Mulrenan, Jon Luke Dee, Frankie Cerbone on second line; and Jimmy O'Neill, Daniel Kean and Tommy Shafer on third line all played a tremendous defensive game. The game was a scoreless contest through the first two periods and most of the third. It looked as though this one would end in a scoreless tie when with just over two minutes remaining Jackie Mulrenan fired a shot from the top of the left faceoff circle that found its way into the back of the net for the one goal margin that would be all they needed.

Tewksbury would not quit however and they put tremendous pressure on the Cats. With just over a minute to play, the Redmen pulled their goalie and had six skaters on the ice. Tewksbury pressed the attack and Wilmington seemed slightly disorganized but eventually moved the puck out of their own zone as time wound down. The team mobbed goalie Tyler Stillings as he recorded his second shutout in as many games.

Shawsheen Tech sports round-up

from page 17

game at 1-1 20 seconds into the second period. He stole a clearing pass from Tyngsboro and beat the Tigers' netminder with a low shot.

Wilmington's Justin Brady was stellar in the net with 13 saves, but his temper cost Shawsheen a golden scoring opportunity.

With the Rams about to go on a two-man advantage late in the second period after a Tyngsboro player took a shot at Shawsheen's netminder, Brady retaliated and tripped the penalized player. Instead of being two-men up, the Rams had only a few seconds left on its initial power play and didn't score.

"We showed some undisciplined behavior that I haven't seen before," said Gordon. "That's not typical of the program. I don't know what was in his (Brady's) mind when he decided to retaliate."

In the third period, Tyngsboro took the lead 1:45 in on a power play goal from the point on a low screen shot that eluded Brady.

Shawsheen had a number of chances to tie the score — including a breakaway by Tewksbury's Dave McCoy — but time and again the Rams were stopped.

With 5:06 left to play, Tyngsboro extended its lead on a goal deflected off of a Shawsheen defenseman. Tyngsboro scored again just 1:09 later.

Down 4-1, LaCombe stuffed home a goal with 1:53 to play, but it was too little, too later for Shawsheen.

"They (Tyngsboro) had a great game plan and they outexecuted us in every phase of the game," said Gordon. "They played good, solid defense with the body. Most of our quality forwards were completely covered and had no breathing room at all."

On Monday, Shawsheen fell to Westford Academy, 5-4. Matt Matthews scored two goals for the Rams, while Brady stopped 26 shots in the loss.

Girls' Basketball

The Rams increased their win streak to five games with a 63-42 rout of Greater Lawrence on Friday.

Junior center Ashley Morgado, of Wilmington poured in 28 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in the victory for Shawsheen (9-3).

Wrestling

The Rams had a 2-2 week as they beat Chelsea in a dual meet and then went 1-2 at the Lowell High School Dual-Meet Tournament.

In a 24-6 win over Chelsea, Nick Maynard recorded a pin in 69 seconds at 130 pounds. Also recording pins were Scott Wiitala (135) and James Hurley (125), while Wilmington's Chris Dell'Anno recorded a forfeit win.

At Lowell, Shawsheen beat Wakefield, 67-5. However, the Rams fell to Concord (N.H.), 60-15, and West Springfield, 40-25.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEES SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward Giroux and Mary Giroux to Crestar Mortgage Corporation, dated December 11, 1998 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 9795, Page 24, of which mortgage Suntrust Mortgage Inc., f/k/a Crestar Mortgage Corporation is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on February 1, 2002, on the mortgaged premises located at 9 Catherine Avenue, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY: by Catherine Avenue, one hundred fifty (150) feet;

EASTERLY: by Lot 22, as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred sixty (160) feet;

SOUTHERLY: by Lot 4, as shown on said plan, one hundred fifty (150) feet;

WESTERLY: by Lot 20, as shown on said plan, one hundred sixth (160) feet.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 7728, Page 218.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
F/K/A CRESTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
Matthew R. Forbes, Esquire
150 California Street
Newton MA 02458
(617) 558-0500

J9,16,23; 2498

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 01P6267GI1
In the Matter of Michael Coburn of Tewksbury
In the County of Middlesex
NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP

To **Michael Coburn** of **Tewksbury** in the County of **Middlesex**, and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said **Michael Coburn** is a mentally ill person and praying that **Patricia Coburn** of **Melrose** in the County of **Middlesex** be appointed or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person - with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on **February 7, 2002**.

Witness, Hon. Sheila E. McGovern, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, January 7, 2002.

John R. Buonomo
Register of Probate

J23; 2519

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 27, 2002, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2002.

Robert J. Cain,
Board of Selectmen

J9,16,23; 2501

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 5, 2002 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #02-1 dated January 9, 2002, submitted on January 10, 2002 by Euguene Sullivan for Lucci Realty Trust, c/o John Lucci, Sr., 211 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 230 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 58 Parcel 30. This application is for the proposed construction of a 23,174 square foot single story building to be used for retail. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Kevin Brander, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Sharon Dunnett** to **Option One Mortgage Corporation**, dated September 8, 2000 and recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11056, Page 076 of which mortgage **National City Bank, as Trustee for the registered Holders of Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp Home Equity Loan Trust 2000-HE1, Home Equity Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2000-HE1, without recourse** is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at **90 Glenn Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts** will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on February 6, 2002, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, MA known and being numbered 90 Glenn Road:

Being Lots 138, 139, 140 and 141 on Plan of Pine Grove Park, Silver Lake, Massachusetts, John S. Crossman, C.E., dated 1909, recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 26, Plan 25, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more specific description of said lots. Lot 138 contains 2437 square feet according to said plan. Lot 139 contains 2062 square feet according to said plan. Lot 140 contains 1687 square feet according to said plan. Lot 141 contains 1312 square feet according to said plan.

The premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, easements, appurtenances, reservations, restrictions, and layouts and takings of record insofar as they are in force and applicable.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of $5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, 201 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824-2307, c/o Margaret G. Korde or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AN INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND WASTE SITE CLEANUP PERMIT APPLICATION
Larry's Gas, Inc.
880 Main Street
Wilmington, Massachusetts
RTN #3-20343

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above referenced location. A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This site has been classified as Tier IC (310 CMR 40.0500), and an Initial Tier IC Permit Application is being submitted on January 23, 2002 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0703. A permit is required to proceed with a Comprehensive Remedial Responses at all Tier I sites.

Anyone interested in reviewing the permit application should notify DEP by writing to DEP-NERO, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, Permit Section 205A Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 by February 12, 2002. If anyone notifies DEP of his or her interest in reviewing or submitting comment on the Tier I permit application, DEP will conduct a public comment review period of twenty (20) days which shall run concurrently with DEP's Initial Technical Review of the application. Anyone who fails to notify DEP in writing of his/her interest in commenting on the application by the above date may be deemed to have waived his/her rights, if any, to appeal DEP's permit decision or to intervene in an adjudicatory proceeding with respect to this application, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0770(2).

M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites: 1) The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403: and 2) Upon receipt of a petition from 10 or more residents of the municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information on this disposal site and the opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact Mr. Steven W. Rumba, LSP, Web Engineering Associates, Inc., 106 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061, 781-878-7766.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

at E-Z Mini Storage, 470 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 (978) 851-6999. Property will be sold at public auction held on Monday February 4, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. The description of the goods and name of person(s) whose property is to be sold is as follows:

Ford, Wilber: kit table, dressers, DR table, fplc, screen, lamp, matt, bxsprg, desk, hutch

Mesquitta, Gregory: sofa, fold chairs, dining table, boxes

McMullin, Rosemary: school desk, plant stand, boxes

Baez, Angel: sofa, stereo, mirrors, matt, bxsprg, hd/ftbrd, toolbox, rug, boxes

Adams, Robin: desk, dressers, refrig, step ladder, hose, sofa, bags, boxes

Turner, Charles: sofa, lvseat, chair, clothes, boxes.

J16,23;2513 E-Z Mini Storage



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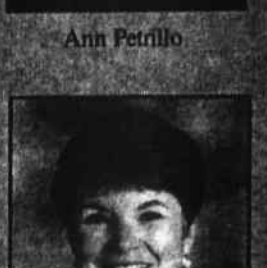
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Tewksbury

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Tewksbury

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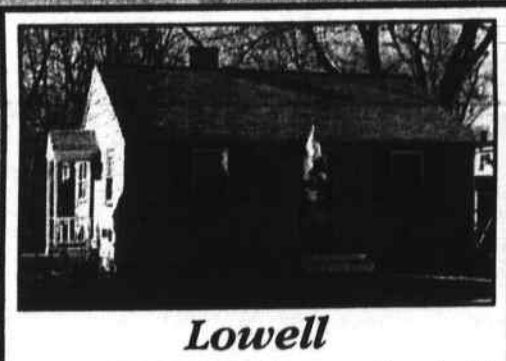
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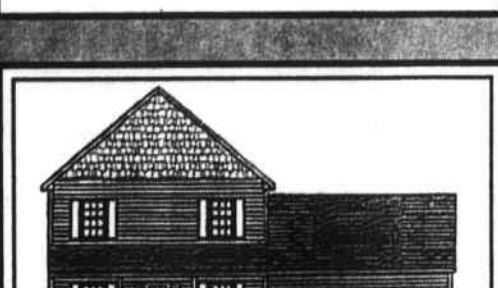
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Wilmington

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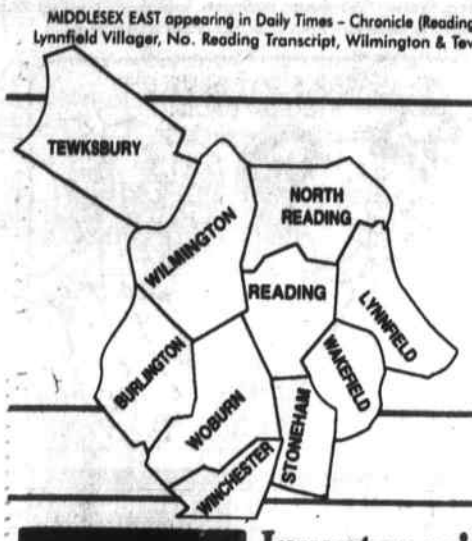
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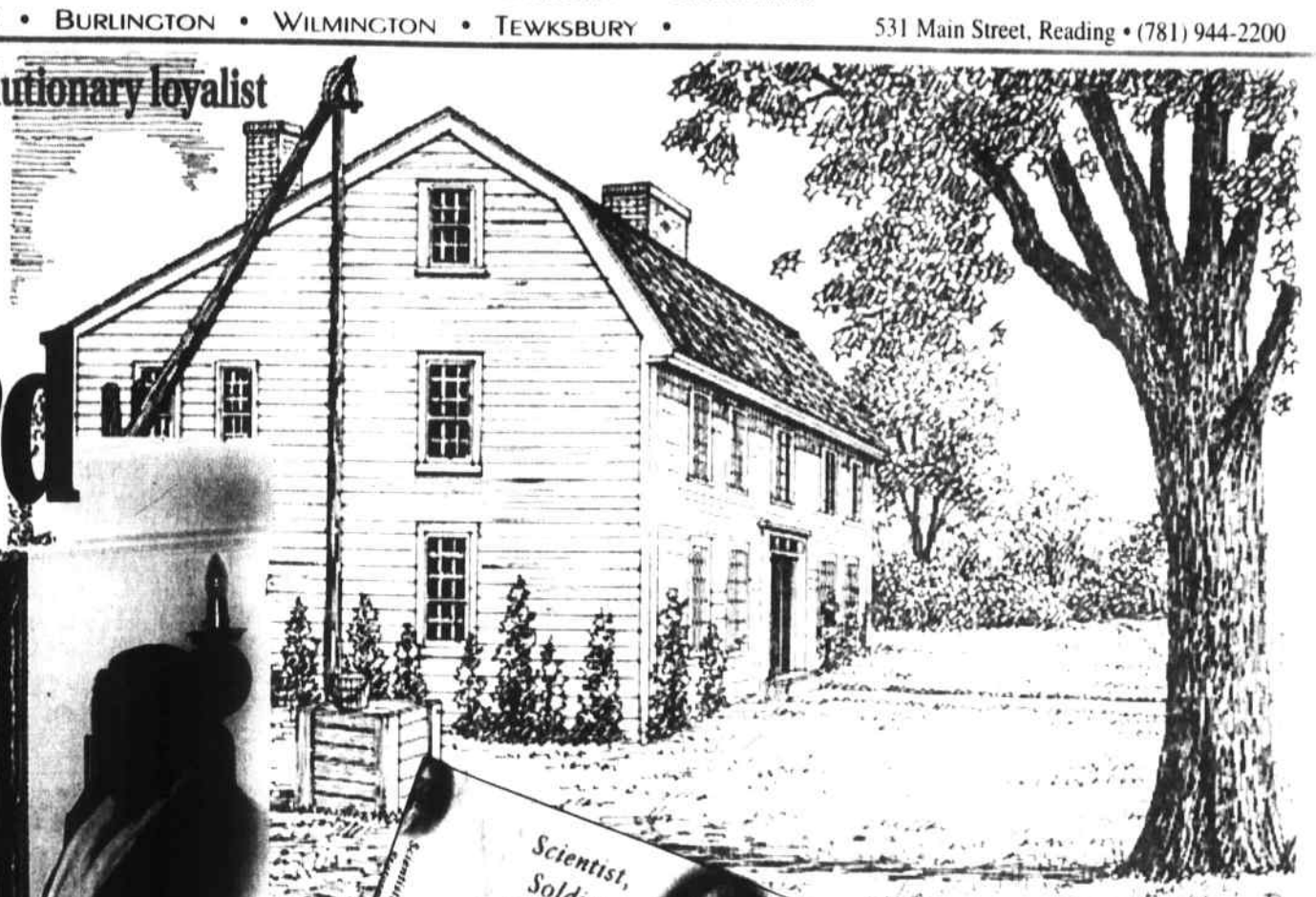
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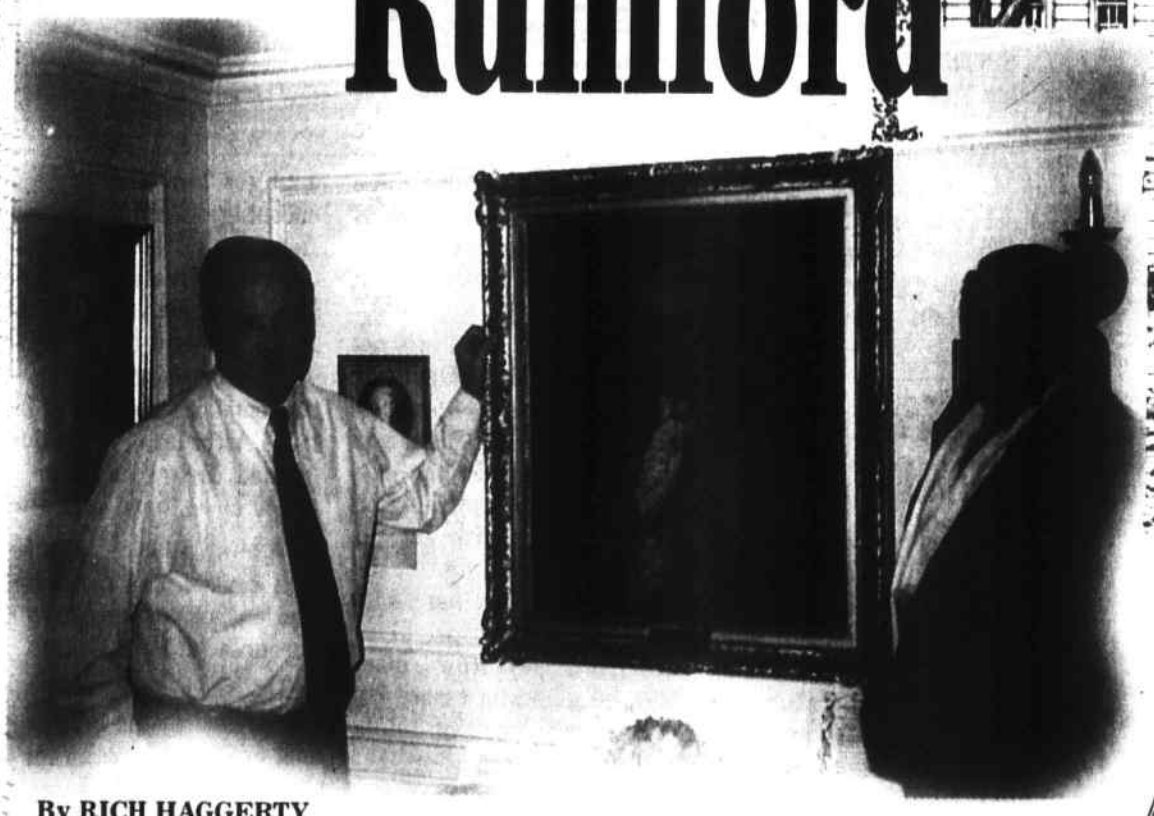
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Inventor, scientist, statesman, Revolutionary loyalist

Count Rumford





By RICH HAGGERTY

WOBURN - Recently I had a chance to take a tour through the historic and well preserved birthplace, and museum, of Woburn's Benjamin Thompson, better known Count Rumford.

The home was originally built by Count Rumford's grandfather, Ebenezer Thompson in 1714. The Rumford Historical Association, celebrating 125 years, has preserved and protected this historic landmark since they acquired the home in 1877. At that time it had fallen into serious disrepair.

Tom Smith, President of the Board of Trustees of the Rumford Birthplace and Len Harmon, Vice President and longtime Woburn historian served as hosts.

This quaint home in North Woburn is essentially divided in two. The left side of the home is where the collection of Rumford artifacts and paintings rest, and the right side of the home is where the building's live-in care takers reside.

The Association has kept this historic collection nearly the same for the past 100 years. Rumford's birthplace is listed as a National Historic Landmark, the only other included on this list from Woburn is the Woburn Public Library.

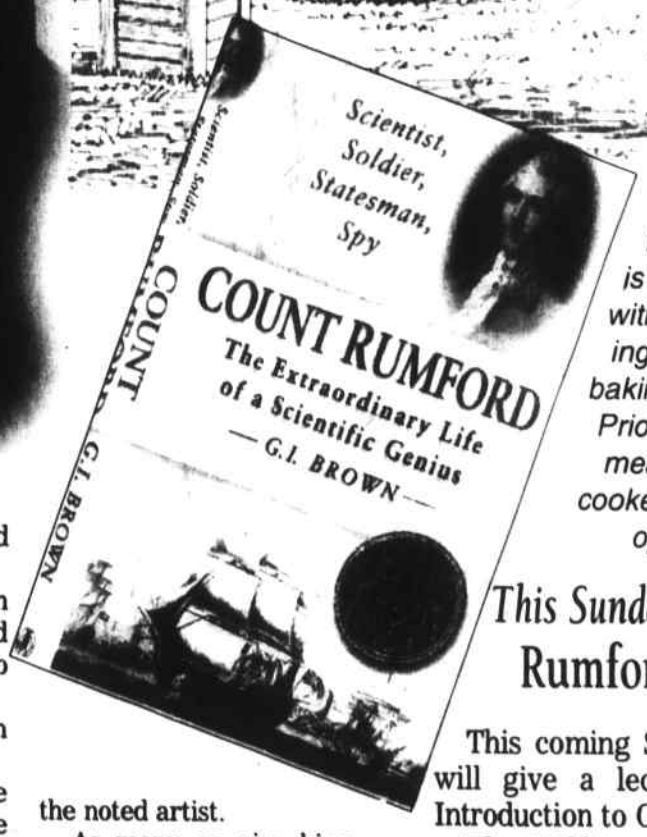
Some of the first people to sit on the Rumford Historical Association Board include such famous Woburnites as Edward Johnson, first mayor; Charles Choate, Choate Hospital; and A.R. Linscott, historian and after whom the Linscott Elementary School is named.

This past year the Rumford Historical Association was delighted to have Northern Bank and Trust offer to expend a great deal of time and monies as well as volunteers for the restoration of the entire outside of the 288 year old home. Murphy's Brothers Painting did much of the work on the home.

The collection insdie the home includes several paintings of Count Rumford as well as Countess Sarah Rumford, his daughter. She was his only legitimate child, he had two others, Sophia and Charles in France that were illegitimate.

The home includes many of Count Rumford's inventions, and many of them won him international acclaim over 200 years ago. It also includes the original cradle which he slept in as a baby more than 245 years ago

.The painting collection includes a copy of a Gainsborough painting of Count Rumford. The original hangs in the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University. He is the only American ever painted by the noted artist.

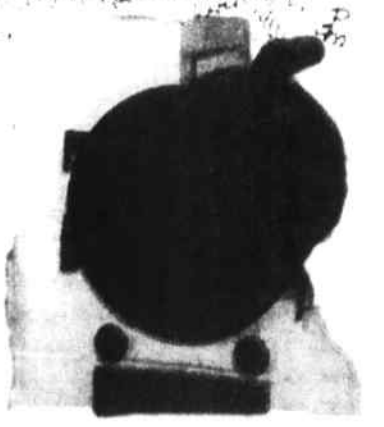


As many as nine biographies have been written about Rumford and there have been extensive discussions about his involvement with the British during the American Revolution.

He left America with the British Fleet March 17, 1776 and never returned, living in Great Britain, Bavaria and finally Paris, France.

The Rumford collection of his inventions include the Rumford Roaster which involved enclosing numerous fires in an insulated brick or stone box and setting the pots on top. This is what we know today as a kitchen oven. His was the first. Later Rumford would also develop the first pressure cooker and double boiler, the drip coffee maker and central steam heat to mention only a few..

Rumford to S-4



Count Rumford is credited with inventing the first baking oven, Prior to this, meals were cooked on an open fire.

This Sunday
Rumford lecture and slide show

This coming Sunday, January 27, Hilary Anderson will give a lecture and slide show entitled, "An Introduction to Count Rumford".

The Middlesex Canal Association will be hosting the event at its winter meeting from 2-4 at the Middlesex Canal Museum & Visitors Center. The museum and visitors center is located at Faulkner Mills at 71 Faulkner Street, North Billerica.The public is welcome to attend.

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ANTHONY MANCONI

Benardo DeMaino was one of the area pioneer pizza makers. He made each one with a little bit of love. The demand for one of his pizzas was so great, he gave up baking bread and devoted full time to pizza making. He asked my Aunt Nora one day, "How do you want your pizza cut, six or eight pieces?" "You better make it six pieces" Aunt Nora replied, "I'm on a diet." My Uncle John Shea used to say "Never run after a streetcar, bus or a woman, wait awhile, another one will be along soon." Napoleon was never a politician. Every picture and statue of him shows that he has his hands in his own pockets. Kathy just told me "I was a fool when I married you." I smiled and said, "I knew it all the time but I married you anyway."

Folks, people like the great Yankee catcher Yogi Berra helped me write this column. I asked Yogi, "Do any of the old gang in Brooklyn still hang out in the neighborhood corner lunchroom?" "Naw Chipper there's nobody there anymore, it is too crowded!" Charles Smith said to Bob O'Leary, "Bob you can't hold up the game any longer looking for your lost golf ball! "I'm NOT looking for the ball" Bob shouted, "I found that, I'm looking for my golf club now!"

Alan Dumont, Joe D'Ambrosio, Frank Gillis and Joe James are Nature Lovers. They are literally for the birds. Sign at the Marine Training Center in Quantico, Virginia: "If you can't lead and won't follow – get the heck OUT of the way." A panhandler rang George Gould's doorbell, then asked for a handout. "I'm sorry" George said to the poor fellow "But here's a letter of introduction for Bob Bonney next door." Al Pizzano has the right idea. He doesn't give any wedding gifts until two years after the marriage. He explains it this way: "I'm getting tired of giving the same bride a wedding gift for the SECOND TIME in less than two years."

Dennis Tully sang this song: "Congratulations teacher dear. You made it through another year. And Good Luck to the grouchy school bus driver. It is a miracle you are a Survivor!"

When Father Dick said in a sermon, "We are on earth to help others. George Gould tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Chipper what are the others here for?"

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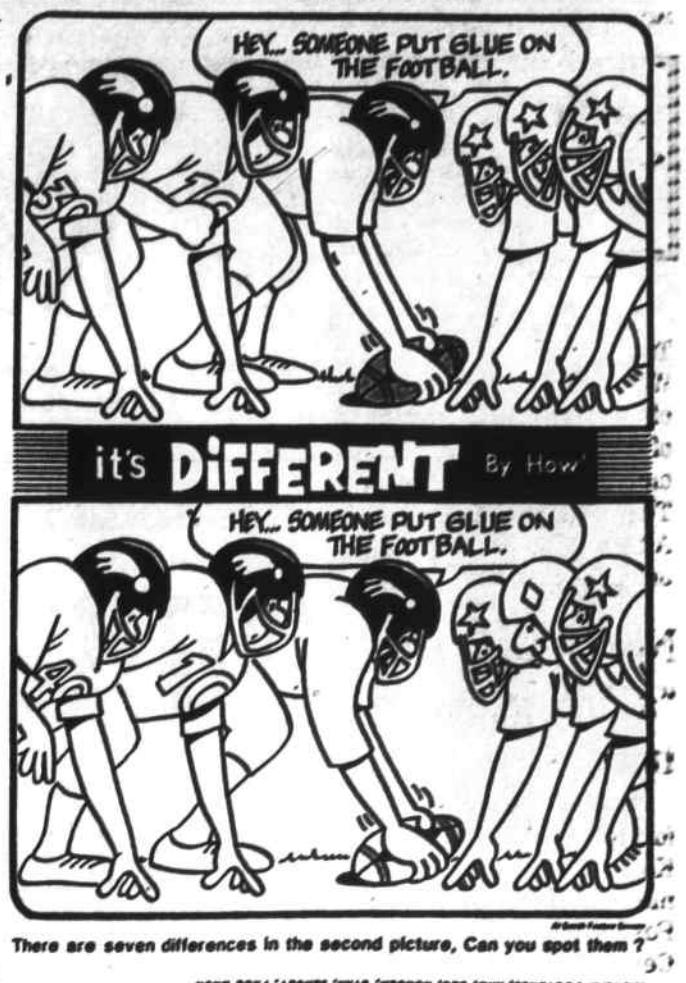
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One afternoon at Fenway Park, Paul Simon kept moaning "30,000 people! 30,000 people." "What the heck is bothering you?" I asked. "30,000 people" Paul exclaimed" "and that DARN PIGEON had to spot ME!" A rather stout teacher was talking to her first year class about birds and their habits. "I have a canary at home" she told the class, "can anyone tell me what the canary can do that I can't do?" Little Mario DeMino raised his hand then replied "I know teacher - TAKE A BATH IN A SAUCER!"

My friend Tony Stack from Dublin, Ireland told me he waited until he met a beautiful colleen before he got married, whose birthday was February 29. "What difference did it make when her birthday was?" I asked. Tony smiled and said "I only have to worry about getting my wife Kathleen a birthday present ONCE every FOUR years!" Police Officer CHRIS GIANINNO JR. at 6 foot, 6 inches, is an imposing figure in uniform. He stopped a station wagon loaded with about 10 kids. He was looking over the woman's driver's license and said, "Lady, don't you know when to STOP?" "Look here officer" she exclaimed, "these 10 kids are NOT all mine, they are girl scouts and I'm taking them to the STONE ZOO." The reason a computer can do more work than a secretary is because it doesn't have to stop to answer the phone.

It seems like every store I go into, everyone ahead of me in the checkout aisle pays with a credit card. I wanted to pay cash yesterday and the cashier wanted to see my driver's license. Right about this time of the year the hundred or more details of a WEDDING are in the planning stage. Now my Aunt Nora is at almost every family social event as irritating as ants at a picnic. But I must admit she was really helpful when plans were being made for my cousin Diane's upcoming wedding reception. One of the most important details that is often overlooked is the seating arrangement. Many times Aunt Nora interjected, "Oh No! you can't have Mario and Angelo sitting at the same table, they haven't talked to each other for over five years. And look here," Aunt Nora continued, "you have Maureen, the RED HEADED SPITFIRE and TERESA together. That's like mixing gasoline and fire." So, all of you making wedding arrangements, my Aunt Nora is available to help.

Fred Costa said that when he was a kid he'd bring an APPLE to his teacher - now Fred's kids are sending the teachers BANANAS!



There are seven differences in the second picture, Can you spot them ?

Come celebrate Ground Hog Day with song

Ground Hog Day is an American tradition. Celebration at the Linden Tree Coffeehouse of Saturday, February 2 when the acoustic music series continues with its annual Night of Tradition Songs and Ballads. This year's show features North Shore's Daisy Nell and Captain Stan, along with Holiday Potpourri 200 winner Debra Cowan, musicologist Mike Holmes. Concert begins at 8:00 p.m.

Just plain folk who just play folk music of the sea and shore, Daisy Nell and Capt. Stan are familiar voices in the North Shore, and in particular, Cape Ann. Daisy, an Essex native, is a wonderful singer, sailor, songwriter, museum educator and music teacher.

Captain Stan, when he's not tuning engines at the Gaybrook Garage, offers his sweet mellow voice as well as his guitar and dobro to the partnership, having previously performing on the folk circuit with various groups including the Atmospherics. Together Daisy and Stan include gospel, blues, folk in their repertoire, often joined by mandolin wizard Pat Conlon, Andy Woolf on fiddle, and Steve Wainwright or Jack Schwartz on bass. Stan and Daisy's music have taken them from Mystic to Maine, as well as Hawaii to Alaska, telling the tales of New England whaling and sailing voyages through songs and chanteys.

Debra Cowan, a splendid singer with her blend of traditional and contemporary songs, moved to Massachusetts from California a few years ago. She engages her audiences and encourages them to sing along. Her special talent makes the old songs live again through fresh interpretations and carefully selected material. She weaves her songs with witty conversations about their history. Although classically trained, Debra has been in a top-40 cover band and a bluegrass/swing band. Debra sings with emotion and commitment whose voice has the clarity and pureness of Judy Collins.

Tickets for Traditional Night will be sold at the door beginning at 7:30. Admission for the show is $12. During intermissions, home-made baked goods and other refreshments are served. the social hall is smoke-free and handicapped accessible.

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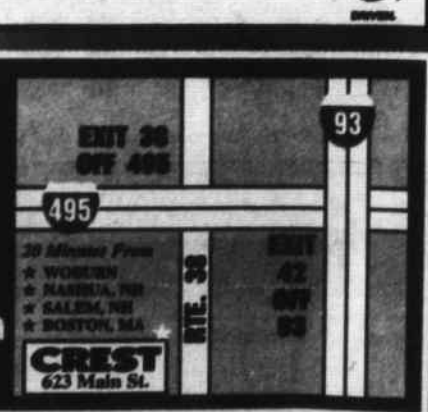


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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

Looking good in 2002

CORRECTION

In Last week's About The Towns a list of retired Winchester Police Department officers was published. Three of those listed took part in ceremonies but are not retired. They include Lt. Kenneth Albertelli, Lt. William Saraco and Detective James Gray.

North Reading: "a dream come true"

"'It's a dream come true for me,' exclaimed Joanna B. Korker upon her appointment as manager of the U.S. Postal Service's Middlesex-Central District, based in North Reading," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"Jon M. Steele, vice president of Northeast Area Operations, promoted Korker, a 22-year Postal employee to the position. She succeeds Paul W. Lanzi, who was tabbed to head security for the Northeast Area.

"Little did she realize that when she took the postal examination in the 1970's she would rise to the pinnacle of success, especially since her initial intent was to 'stay long enough to make enough money to go back to school for my doctorate.'

"Today, Korker is responsible for managing nearly 200 postal facilities in communities that are within the 014 to 019 ZIP code range.

"The district encompasses more than 2,500 square miles in Massachusetts, serving 2.2 million residents. Middlesex-Central District has annual revenues topping $400 million.

"Safety and security of employees and the mails and service to customer are her main priorities. She commended Middlesex-Central's 7,500 employees for delivering a record high overnight score of 95 percent to customers. 'That is a feat in itself but even more significant under the circumstances of the last few months,' she said...."

Wilmington: read all about it

"Literacy advocates in Wilmington and throughout the Commonwealth can breathe a sigh of relief," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"After pressure from the public, state legislators have reinstated to their 2002 budget, funding for adult education that will benefit as many as 200 literacy programs throughout the state.

"Originally, legislators were going to cut $13 million in Basic Adult Education in order to accommodate shortfalls in the budget for Fiscal year 2002. Such slashing would have affected Wilmington, which is a member of the Medford-based Eastern Massachusetts Literacy Council. However, after legislators received numerous phone calls from concerned citizens, senators and representatives ultimately voted to restore as much as $12.5 million in adult education funds to the budget.

"While the state budget overall was to have been cut by three percent, the Adult Education Budget (Line Item 7035-0002) would have been cut by 44 percent. The Commonwealth could have lost an additional $10.5 million in federal funding due to the 'maintenance of effort' clause because it would not have been able to support the federal grant with the required state match money.

In addition, literacy programs would have been rendered ineligible to receive federal funding for the next fiscal year, which would have made Massachusetts the only state without a functioning Adult Basic Education program.

"According to a 1993 survey by the National Institute for Literacy in Washington, D.C., over 90 million people in the United States are functionally illiterate. According to a 1995 study done by the Massachusetts Department of Education, tnis population comprised nearly 20 percent of Massachusetts residents alone.

Neil Porter to appear at D'Agostino's

Stoneham's own favorite son, guitarist Neil Porter, will be appearing this Thursday, January 24 from 8:30-11:30 PM at D'Agostino's Restaurant. Porter is well known for his band and solo guitar performances. During this one man show Neil will be playing famous singaplong hits such as American Pie, Beatles pieces, Simon & Garfunkel and more.

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Count Rumford

From S-1

Another of Rumford's inventions that can be seen at his birthplace is a model of the Rumford Fireplace, the first of its kind to use a damper.

One of the most obvious signs of Count Rumford's presence in Woburn is his statue on the front lawn of the Woburn Public Library. It is a duplicate of one that sits in the English Gardens in Munich, Germany, which was another of Count Rumford's many accomplishments. It is still in existance today.

The New Hampshire Historical Society was given many of Rumford's personal belongings by Rumford's daughter and today the largest collection of Rumford artifacts is at Dartmouth College.

Often times college students from Dartmouth will venture down to Woburn with their class to tour the birthplace, view paintings and enjoy a lecture.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932 said, "I have always had the keenest of interest in five men of comparatively modern times." The men he mentioned included Thomas Jefferson, our own Benjamin Franklin, Napoleon, President Theodore Roosevelt, and Benjamin Thompson (Count Rumford)."

Count Rumford's birthplace is located at 90 Elm Street in Woburn.(just off of Main St., Route 38). It contains models of his experiments, and inventions; a collection of portraits; and a library of Rumford biographies and essays.

The home is open to visitors each Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:30. and is very, very interesting . The tour includes a walking tour of the home and an explanation of Rumford's historical significance as a statesman, scientist, soldier, and yes, a spy.

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Local youth writes essay on Martin Luther King, Jr.

The following essay was submitted by 10 year old John Francis Dolan's grandmother and we felt it timely enough to prove of interest to our readers. John is from Reading.

by John Francis Dolan

On January 15, 1929, a wonderful man named Martin Luther king Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1944 Martin Luther King Jr. entered More-House College, in Atlanta to study to be a minister. Then he went to Boston University to study more. There he met a woman named Coretta Scott who he later married in 1953. One year after that martin became the pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.



John Francis Dolan

In 1955 Martin led one of the first bus boycotts in the United States. There were over a thousand people who joined in that bus boycott. One day when Martin was driving down the street, the cops pulled over. They said, "Get out of the car, Martin. You're under arrest for going 30 mph on a 25 mph speed zone." Even though Martin knew they were wrong, he listened and went to jail. Later an angry group of people surrounded that jail. The police let him go because they were afraid of getting hurt by the mob. One night while Martin was at church Coretta and a friend were at Martin's House. While they were talking someone drove by and threw a bomb on the porch. (Of course she did not know it was a bomb.) Coretta led herself and her friend out back just for safety. Just then she heard her porch blow up! That night all of Martin's followers wanted to get back at the people who had bombed the house. Martin said, "No, we must not fight our brothers and sisters. We must never meet their hate with hate. We must meet their hate with love."

On August 28, 1963, over 250,000 people, from more than 800 cities marched from Birmingham, to Washington D.C. When they reached Washington, Martin Luther King Jr. gave a speech America will never forget. He said. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal." His voice was deeply powerful. "I have a dream that one day...little black boys and little black girls will be able to hold hands with little white boys and little white girls as sisters and brothers." In 1964 Martin won the nobel Peace Prize. He was awarded a medal and $54,000. People around the nation were very proud of Martin.

April 4, 1968 was a very sad day for the King Family and the whole world. Martin was killed by James earl Ray at a Memphis, Tennessee motel. On his gravestone, it says "Free at last, free at last, Thank God Almighty I'm free at last."

Today, on the third Monday in January, we honor a wonderful man, Martin Luther King Jr. He helped destroy segregation. He protested in the best and most peaceful ways. I hope today you will take a minute to think of Martin Luther King Jr. and realize what a wonderful man he was.

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION: What is the longest touchdown pass ever completed in a major college bowl game? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•WOBURN'S JESSIE GILL, a junior forward for the Salem State College field hockey team, was the team's second-leading goal scorer, with four. She had two goals in a win against Lasell.

•WAKEFIELD'S JULIE HIGGINS had 11 points off the bench for the Merrimack College women's basketball team. The team beat Le Moyne 66-64.

•READING'S CHRIS CONDON came up big for the Colby-Sawyer College men's basketball team's first-ever win over Bowdoin, 77-71. Condon, a freshman, went six for eight from the field, and three for three from three-point-land, and led all scorers with a career-high 17 points..

•THE READING BURBANK YMCA will hold a youth basketball league, where kids can meet new friends and have a fun team experience. Pre-K students play at 9 am, kindergarteners at 10 am, first graders at 11 am, second graders at noon, and second and third graders on Saturdays at 1 pm and on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm.

•Among the scoring leaders in Eastern Mass. boys high school hockey are **AUSTIN PREP'S CHRIS CAPRARO**, who was fourth with 18 goals and 16 assists for 34 points, **AUSTIN'S DAN CROWLEY**, eighth with 11 goals and 18 assists, and **READING'S MIKE OTTARIANO**, with 16 goals and 11 assists for 27 points. **WILMINGTON'S ANTHONY TOMASI** has nine goals and 14 assists.

•Need some clues to help out with the above-mentioned trivia question? The team that completed the pass was Syracuse.

•THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE at the Woburn Bowladrome is underway, and the league is looking for three new bowlers. Interested participants can head to the Bowladrome on Wednesdays at 7 pm. The league is 100 percent handicap and averages range from 85 to 110. For more information call 781-229-8683.

•Austin Prep has three players among the scoring leaders in Eastern Mass. girls high school hockey. They are **KIM MACELLI-HANEY** with 21 goals and 13 assists for 34 points, **KATIE POWERS** with eight goals and 12 assists for 20 points, and **COURTNEY SHEARY** with seven goals and nine assists for 16 points. **WINCHESTER'S JACKIE GRAHAM** is third on the lists with 16 goals and 11 assists for 27 points.

•The Northeast Baseball League will begin play this spring, with all games being played at the Revere High baseball field. The league will feature players age 13-16 from towns like Wakefield and Stoneham, and all players will use wooden bats, rather than aluminum. For more information call Cathy Bagnera at 781-289-0847.

•THE METRO BOSTON AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION is offering umpire clinics for new candidates on an individual basis. For more information call Ray Macone at 781-665-9745.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Syracuse quarterback threw an 87 yard touchdown pass to sophomore Ernie Davis just 1:23 into a Cotton Bowl against Texas in 1960 to set the record. Syracuse went on to win the game 23-14, and Davis had two touchdowns and two two-point conversions.

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Calendar of Events

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES BEGIN

Italian language classes will begin on January 30 and 31 at the Burlington public library on Sears Street. The fee is $54 for ten weeks.

Five levels of classes will be offered with beginner and intermediate classes on Thursday evenings at St. Charles Rectory in Woburn and advance classes will be held on Wednesdays at the Burlington library.

The classes are offered by the Burlington Sons of Italy Lodge #2223. To register call 781-932-8203 or call for more information.

OPEN HOUSE AT ODYSSEY DAY SCHOOL

The Odyssey Day School at 20A DelCarmine Street, Wakefield will be holding an open house for toddler through grade 8. The date is January 30 from 6:30 to 8 pm. For more information call 781-245-6050.

COFFEEHOUSE EVENT IN WAKEFIELD

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse's seventeenth season continues on Saturday, February 2 with Traditional Night of Songs & Ballads. The coffeehouse is located at 326 Main Street, Wakefield at the Unitarian-Universalist Church. The event begins at 8 pm and admission is $12.

CONTRA DANCES ONGOING/MONTHLY

Sunday Afternoon Contra dances will continue on February 3 and are held the first Sunday of each month from 3 to 6 pm. Caller Rose White along with live music by Bruce Rosen and Debbie Knight. The dances are held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, 326 Main Street.

Price is $5 for adults, $4 children and $12 for a family. For more information call 781-646-2821.

LALECHE MEETINGS OPEN FOR NEW MOTHERS

LaLeche League of Wilmington's next meeting will be on Friday, February 8 at 10 am when they meet to discuss "The Baby and the Breastfed Family." Meetings are held at the Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem Street (Route 62), Wilmington and the meetings are held on the second Friday of each month.

Women from surrounding towns are always welcome. discussions are informal with opportunities to ask questions and share experiences. LaLeche Leaders may be called at any time for immediate help, encouragment, and practical sugggestions regarding breastfeeding or to obtain the manual "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding."

For further information or support call one of the group leaders: Terry 978-694-1073.

VALENTINES DANCES BENEFITS CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The 16th annual Valentine Dinner Dance for Cystic Fibrosis, sponsored by the Farrell family of Wakefield will take place at Anthony's Restaurant, 105 Central Street, Malden on Saturday, February 9 from 7 to midnight. Music will be provided by DJ Linda Lucey and will present a wide variety of music selections. Food will be buffet style, with both hot and cold choices and the cost is $20 a ticket.

Cystic Fibrosis affects 30,000 kids and young adults in the US. More than half died by their 32nd birthday and funds raised with this event will help support the development of new drugs.

Besides the numerous door prizes and raffles, including gift certificates for hotels, dinners, museums, theatres, ski passes and items from local and national companies, there will be a silent auction which will contain weekend getaways, airline tickets, autographed items from sports, political and Hollywood figures, golf certificates, professional sport tickets and many more unique gifts. There is also a monetary raffle with one winner receiving $2000 and two winners receiving $500 each.

For questions or more information call Susan Farrell at 246-2450 or Greg or Scott at 324-8050.

WOBURN Y'S EVENTS & PROGRAMS

The North Suburban Family YMCA, 137 Lexington Street, Woburn announces summer camp registration on Saturday, February 23 from 9 to 1 pm.

The Y offers free transportation for Winchester and Woburn students from school to the YMCA After School program for ages K-8. The After School program is open until 6 pm.

The Y Memorial After School Program and Burlington Extended Day Program announces openings in the after school program and both programs offer enrichment activities that include swimming, rock climbing, karate and dance. Both programs offer 2, 3 or 5 day slots. Financial aid is available. Call Erin at 781-935-3270, ext 398 for more information.

GED CLASSES

Small classes, personal attention and free instruction at a convenient location is announced. Classes are Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 1:30 pm with an open enrollment.

Participants must be 16 years of age and not attending high school - there is no upper age limit. Proof of income or subsidy, and residency is also required. For more information come to one of the weekly information sessions every Wednesday at 2 pm. To register or for more information call 617-338-0815.

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BIG SISTER INFORMATION MEETING

Become a Big Sister! Offer support and friendship to a girl between the ages of 7 and 15. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston offers monthly information sessions in the Quincy office and weekly ones at the Boston office.

Also on January 26 from 2 to 4 the Peabody branch will host an open house for women interested in learning more about becoming a Big Sister.

Call 978-531-8040 for more information.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AT WANG THEATER

The First National tour of "Saturday Night Fever - The Musical" open this week, and continues through Sunday, January 27 at Boston's Wang Theater. Inspired by the successful film, the musical features the legendary score by The Bee Gees who have created two new songs especially for this production.

Performances are through Friday at 8 pm; Saturday at 2 and 8 and Sunday 1 and 7 pm. Ticket prices are $75, $65, $44 and $45.

Tickets are now on sale at the Wang box office or through Telecharge at 1-800-447-7400. For more information call the Theater at 617-482-9393.

ANNUAL NORTHEAST MOTORCYCLE EXPO

Motorcycle enthusiasts of all levels won't want to miss the 6th annual Northeast Motorcycle Expo, the largest all-model motorcycle show in northern New England, featuring a public appearance by Harley-Davidson granddaughter Jean Davidson. This event will be at the Rockingham Park Race Track, Expo Center in Salem, New Hampshire on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10.

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For more information contact: 1-800-759-7469.

WINTER JURIED ART SHOW

A show for all fine art artists to show and sell their work will be held at the Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson Street in Lawrence Sunday, February 10 through Sunday, February 24.

The opening reception is on Sunday, February 10 at 1:30 and the art show will be open from 9 am to 4 pm daily. The public is cordially invited, and admission is free.

Entry fee is $8 a piece, up to 3 pieces, size limit is 50 inches each way and all artwork is to be framed and ready to hang with screw eyes and wire.

Contact Debra Grubbs at 603-893-8909 for more information.

NON-CREDIT COURSES AT NORTHERN ESSEX

Northern Essex Community College is offering more than 100 non-credit, on-line courses with the next four week class session beginning on February 13. New this year will be: Navigating Your Palm Pilot, Introduction to Windows XP, Introduction to Downloading, Give That Speech, Your Screenwriting Career, Accounting Fundamentals and Laws of the Business Jungle.

To register or for more information call the NECC Division of Continuing Education at 978-556-3800.

SPIRITUAL POEMS SOUGHT

The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a $1,000 grand prize in their annual spiritual poetry contest open to the public. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to submit a poem.

"Spiritual poems, which may be written on any subject and using any style, tend to inspire the reader, thus our desire for entries of a spiritual nature," said Poetry Director Larrie Green.

To enter, send one poem 20 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 3412 - A Moonlight Ave., El Paso, Texas 79904 and the deadline for entering is February 10.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PERFORMANCES

Opening February 16, "Beauty and the Beast" will be presented by Boston Children's Theatre at Suffolk University, 55 Temple Street, Boston. This is a beautiful story of loyalty and the power of true love - this fairy tale is sure to charm.

Performances are February 16-17, 19-23 all at 2 pm and the tickets are $13-$17.

Call 617-424-6634 for more information.

CLARK SCHOOL'S CREATIVE LEARNING OPEN HOUSE

The Clark School of Dancers will hold an open house on Sunday, January 27 from 2 to 4 pm. Interested parents and their children will be able to tour the school and participate in activities. The Clark School is a small private day school providing individualized and accelerated programs for average to very bright children in grades K-8. Small class size make individualized instruction possible.

The Clark School is located at 487 Locust Street in Danvers and for more information about the school or the open house call the school at 978-777-4699.

WALDORF SCHOOL HOSTS LEARNING CONFERENCE

The Cape Ann Waldorf School in Beverly Farms will host its 6th annual Learning Conference, "Supporting a Child's Growing Mind: Brain Research and Education," on February 1 and 2. Dr. Dee Coulter, nationally recognized neuroscience educator, will discuss a variety of topics including brain development in children, educating children with special needs and raising children in a stressful world. The conference will also feature workshops by Cape Ann Waldorf School faculty.

For more information contact the school, 668 Hale Street, Beverly Farms, at 978-927-8811.

BOW HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM IN MIDDLETON

Danvers Fish and Game Club, Log Bridge Road, Middleton, will host on Saturday, February 2 from 8 am to 4:30 pm a free bow hunter education course. Participants must pre-register.

Attendance is open to adults as well as minors over ten years of age with parental permission.

These courses are offered throughout the state by the Massachusetts Environmental Police in cooperation with the International Bowhunter Education Foundation. Presented by certified volunteer instructors topics will include hunter safety, ethics, selection of equipment, game preparation and hunting methods, including tracking.

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Health & Medicine

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Laser surgery even safer and more precise today

An improvement in a device in laser vision correction surgery promises to make the popular procedure even safer and more precise. Local eye surgeon Dr. Will Horsley says there are two pieces of highly sophisticated equipment used in LASIK surgery: an Excimer laser and a microkertome. "Although it's the laser," he says, "that has received most of the attention, the microkeratome is equally important in assuring good results from the procedure."



Dr. Will Horsley

In LASIK surgery, a small flap is surgically made on the front of the cornea, the clear covering on the front of the eye. The microkeratome is the instrument used to make this flap. the flap is then lifted by the surgeon, and the Excimer laser is used to "sculpt" the underlying corneal tissue to the degree needed to correct the patient's vision. The flap is then replaced and the procedure is complete.

According to Dr. Horsely, the Achilles heal of the LASIK procedure has long been the creation of the flap. "The original keratomes were designed for a different job," according to Dr. Horsely, "and were not well-suited to making the precise flap needed for LASIK surgery. Although the complication rate was low, one to two percent, it could be very serious." "But now," he says "the instrument enters a fourth generation of improvement and the new units are made specifically to perform the LASIK procedure."

Dr. Horsely's practice uses a new generation of keratomes, the K 3000 has one of the best safety records," reports Dr. Horsely, "and a Japanese study found it have the most consistent results when compared to all the major keratomes available today. It was tested in 4,000 consecutive cases with no serious complications."

According to Dr, Horsely, the Viewpoint Laser Center is the only laser center in New England to have both the latest generation of microkeratome and the VISX S3 Excimer laser with a 3D tracking system. "this combination of technology in the hands of a skilled surgeon assures the best possible outcome for a patient having laser vision correction surgery," says Dr. Horsely.

Dr. Horsely practices in Medford and Stoneham and is partner in The Viewpoint Laser Center, the first freestanding laser vision center on the North Shore. Prior to opening the center. he was affiliated with the Massachusetts Eye and ear Infirmary in Boston. Dr. Horsely has been performing refractive surgery for more than 10 years. The Viewpoint Laser Center is located at 101 Main St. in Medford, off Routes 93 and 16.

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Registration information and forms for children entering pre-kindergarten through grade 7 will be available at that time. Children entering pre-kindergarten in September must be 4-years-old by August 31.

For more information, call the school office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 781-245-2081.

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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

Future perfect, by all accounts

Woburn school, "tremendous"

"New Wyman Elementary Principal Paul McQuilkin presented the school's annual School Improvement Plan at the recent School Committee meeting," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"McQuilkin noted it was his first opportunity to speak formally on behalf of the school since taking over the principalship this summer.

"The school has a 'tremendous group of students and teachers,' he said, and 'great parents.'

"It will also have School Council representatives as sitting School Committee members (Mark Cain and John Wells).

"Under education reform, annual school improvement plans are to be developed by the principal and school council and formally voted by the School Committee.

"The Wyman's plan outlines in an easy grid fashion the school goals, which of five systemwide goals it relates to, identified activities, who will be involved and a target or actual completion date.

"The five systemwide goals are: 1. To support the effective integration of technology throughout the curriculum, programs and management; 2. To review, develop and implement curriculum and instruction consistent with the state frameworks and current standard practices; 3. To strengthen parent and community support and involvement in meeting educational goals; 4. To design and offer a variety of professional opportunities for all staff in support of educational goals; 5. To assess and plan for school facility improvements in order to support the implementation of educational goals.

"The first goal listed on the Wyman plan is, 'to maximize the use of the computer lab by striving to integrate technology into daily lessons'; coordinating with systemwide goals 1, 2 and 4...."

Tewksbury schools, in review

"Superintendent Christine L. McGrath of the Tewksbury Public Schools was informed by the Commissioner of Education of an upcoming Department of Education Coordinated Program Review visit," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"The Department's on site visit occurred recently. Such visits are routinely conducted by the Department to satisfy federal and state education requirements to review periodically specific education programs and services in local school districts throughout the Commonwealth. The Department is conducting the review of several programs during a single visit in order to be more efficient in the time spent on this mandated activity by both Department and school system staff, and to make strong connections with the programs under Education Reform.

"Superintendent McGrath indicated that the Department's Coordinated Program Review process addresses the program areas of Civil Rights Methods of Administration (MOA), Special Education, and Title I and include a review of school district program procedures, a study of individual student records, and an on site visit by a Department of Education Team. The Department Team conducts interviews of district administrators, teachers and parents, conducts observations of instructional sites and prepares a report for the Superintendent and School Committee.

"An Executive Summary and detailed report of findings for each program area will describe the implementation status of each program requirement reviewed by the Department of Education. The findings will note those program standards the implementation of which the team found to be commendable or substantially implemented. Where program standards are found not to be fully implemented, the local district must propose to the Department of Education corrective actions to bring those areas into compliance with the respective statutes and regulations. Districts are encouraged to incorporate the corrective action activities into their district and school improvement plans, including the district professional development plan. The school district may request technical assistance from the Department of Education in responding to this report. Both the Department's report and the school district's response to the Department of Education are public information and will be made available to the public upon request...."

Reading schools, in fine shape

"The Reading School Department is pleased to announce that it has received commendations in eleven (11) areas as a result of a Coordinated Program Review process recently completed by the Department of Education," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Reading Memorial High School was recognized for (1) Peer leaders program that supports high school students working in the middle schools; (2) Unity organization to promote social justice and acceptance of all people; (3) Civil rights grievance procedures administered by knowledgeable staff.

"The elementary schools were praised for (4) Extensive student participation in the Understanding Disabilities Program; (5) Development and implementation of its Bully Proof curriculum to address harassment; (6) Use of bullying grant to implement bullying curriculum.

"The district as a whole was recognized for its (7) Civil rights curricular review process; (8) Extensive efforts to distribute civil rights policies; (9) Well-designed and coordinated English as a Second Language Program; (10) Successful special education inclusion model, including its Aspergers Syndrome program; (11) Knowledgeable and dedicated school psychologists who accurately administer assessments for special education.

"The commendations were a result of an extensive review of the School Department policy, procedures and practices conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Education. This process began last February 2001 and only recently concluded with the School Committee's acceptance of the report and a proposed Corrective Action Plan. The process involved extensive reviews by the Department of Education of the policies and paperwork related, particularly, to special education, civil rights and nutrition. The findings of the review were confirmed through visits to the schools and interviews with staff and parents. Additionally, the Department of Education solicited, and received, public comment over a six week period in the spring.

"The Department of Education found two areas in which the Reading School Department did not have the required policies and procedures in place: (1) All of its documents were not translated into the major languages spoken in Massachusetts (most of which are not spoken in Reading), and (2) It did not have a clear policy concerning regular evaluations of special education programs...."

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Responsible adults who get along with young teens.

Pre-School Gym Instructor
Instruct sports and gym classes. Gymnastics and pool background a plus.

Contact: Ben Clapp
781-944-9622, ext. 229

Full Time Member Services
FT - Front Desk - Benefits
Contact: Jan Cennami
781-944-9622, ext. 224
18-24

Austin Preparatory School invites applications for the following positions:

MAINTENANCE/UTILITY

Maintenance/Utility Worker (3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.) Responsibilities include evening maintenance and security of facilities and grounds, minor repairs (no elec. or HVAC), and set up for meetings and special events. High school grad or equivalent. Mechanical aptitude and some related experience preferred. Please forward qualifications to: Facilities Manager, Austin Preparatory School, 101 Willow St., Reading, MA 01867.

CAFETERIA MAINTENANCE HELP

School year positions. Please forward letters of interest to: Carol Cannon, Cafeteria Manager, Austin Preparatory School, 101 Willow St., Reading, MA 01867.
G17-23

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B21-25

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Martini Insurance Agency, Inc.
Human Resources
P.O. Box 565
Woburn, MA 01801
Email: info@martiniinsurance.com

No Telephone Calls Please.
B10-23

GENERAL HELP

HVAC RESIDENTIAL HELP NEEDED

2 Installation Lead Positions
Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
overtime available.
Exp: three years as installer, minimum one year as crew leader.
Skills: Ductwork fabrication and installation. Must be able to run installation crew.
Benefits: Health ins., dental ins., 401K plan, paid vacation/holidays.

2 Service Positions
Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Overnight and Weekend On-Call Rotation
Exp: Three years of service.
Skills: CFC license, refrigeration tech, license a plus, oil experience a plus, plumber's license a plus, river's license required.
Benefits: Health ins., dental ins., 401K plan, paid vacation/holidays.

Royal Air Systems, Inc.
210 Main Street
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978-664-5023
G17-23

ANIMAL ATTENDANT

Stoneham Animal Hospital has an opening for someone to take care of the dogs and cats. No experience necessary. Great working environment and benefits. Hours somewhat flexible.

Please call 438-7200 or fax resume to 438-6715
G21-25

TEACHING POSITIONS
FULL & PART TIME
TEACHING POSITIONS
Must have experience and OCCS certified.
Medical, dental and more.
Free Child Care
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G18-31

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Leading HVAC distributor seeks reliable and industrious person for entry level warehouse position.

Call Warren at 781-933-6290

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WOBURN
G17-30

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Woburn, MA
or call 781-935-7890
Ask for Scott or Brian
G23-29

GENERAL HELP

TOWN OF STONEHAM
JOB OPPORTUNITY
Full Time Assistant Building Inspector
Building Department

Full-time Assistant Building Inspector position available in the Building Department.

Shall assist the Building Inspector in the performance of his duties. Shall assist with enforcement of all provisions of the State Building Code and any other applicable State statutes, rules and regulations or ordinances and by-laws.

Performs required inspections on new construction and alterations/additions to existing structures. Performs special assignments and other related duties as required or assigned.

Qualifications:
Five years experience in the supervision of building construction or design or in an alternative four-year undergraduate degree in a field related to building construction or design. Must be a certified building official in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 143, Section 3.

Shall be a State certified Local Inspector or achieve State certification as a Local Inspector within eighteen months of appointment and maintain such certification during employment with the Town. Familiarity with GeoTMS Software and Microsoft Office desirable.

Full-time: 40 hours per week
Salary $47,911-$56,952
With appointment at no more than $50K per year.

Resume to: Betty Luciano,
Human Resources Office
Town of Stoneham
35 Central Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

By: January 31, 2002

ADA/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER Prepared: January, 2002

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RESPONSIBILITIES:
All Candidates must be reliable to get the job done and take pride in their work. Accurate storing, picking, packing and receiving while meeting facility standards of safety, accuracy, and productivity.

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G22-24

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

F.W. Webb Company, an industry leader in wholesale distribution of plumbing, heating and industrial supplies, currently has an opening for an Accounts Payable position. Duties will include coding invoices, batching, data entry, and switchboard relief. Experience preferred, but not necessary.

We offer an excellent benefit package, including health, dental, LTD, 401K, and profit sharing.

Please send or FAX resume to:
Beverly Norton
F.W. Webb Company
200 Middlesex Turnpike
Burlington, MA 01803
Fax: 781-272-7790
B18-24

Receptionist
IMMEDIATE OPENING
Full-time receptionist needed to answer a multi-line switchboard, fax documents and perform light clerical duties. Applicants must possess good communication skills.
Please fax resumes to Ed Johnson at 781-933-7812 or send e-mail to: ejohnson@kraftpower.com
B14-23

CLERICAL POSITIONS
Full Time - Evenings
$12+ per hour - Mon. thru Fri. 5:00 p.m. start. Fast growing local trucking company looking for a career minded individual who wants to grow within an organization to perform general office duties in a fast paced office environment. Health Ins., Dental, Disability, 401K, sick days (paid if not used) 11 paid holidays and vacations.
Call Michelle at Crystal Motor Express, Wakefield • 781-245-6988 • After 5 p.m.
B18-24

LEGAL SECRETARY
Woburn branch of Boston law firm seeks a legal secretary to the Managing Partner with a minimum of 5 years experience with strong organizational, communication & computer skills.
Please forward resume to :
Managing Partner,
Murtha Cullina Roche Carens & Degiacomo LLP,
600 Unicorn Park Drive,
Woburn, Ma 01801

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G18-24

Middlesex East Real Estate

~ Real Estate Transfers ~

Filing Date at Registry of Deeds:
Week of January 14, 2002

-BURLINGTON-

Median Price: $310,000

19 ALGONQUIN DR purchased by Colonial Bldrs Inc from Laura Ganino for $230,000.
34 BEAVERBROOK RD purchased by John and Lauren Cameron from John and Pamela Orne for $355,000.
31 GROVE LN purchased by Marlene Alberts from Michael and Maureen Taylor for $410,000.
18 RAYMOND RD purchased by David and Karen DiSanto from Daniel Murray, Tr for Church RT for $563,800.
RICHARDSON RD L:MULTI purchased by John and Diane Porter from Lillian Pysczynski for $100,000.
17 SUMMER ST purchased by Rocco Ranieri from Michael and Melanie Sheridan for $345,000.

-LYNNFIELD-

No transactions this week

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: $307,000.

37 CHESTNUT ST purchased by Scott and George White from Cynthia Goddard for $285,000.
1 GREENBRIAR DR U:304 purchased by Deanna Hampton from Cheryl Auterio for $166,500.
1 GREENBRIAR DR U:306 purchased by Ernest Gillis from Christine Page for $130,000.
1 GREENBRIAR DR U:307 purchased by Victor and Hsiamel Chang from Henry Wong for $158,000.
21A RIVERSIDE Dr purchased by Kathleen Daigle from Susan Kanter and Susan Kanter-Doherty for $269,500.
24 WINTER ST purchased by Stephen Giulletti and Jennifer Scola from Brian and Patricia Simmons for $298,000.

-READING-

Median Price: $315,000.

46 A ST purchased by Paul and Andrea Caranfa from Dennis and Karen Winter for $289,900.
322 ASH ST purchased by Michael O'Malley from Eric Jappe for $316,000.
83 COUNTY RD purchased by Kevin and Josephine Jaynes from Robert and Rachel Vargas for $359,900.
15 EVERGREEN RD purchased by Charles and Heather Boudreau from Robert and Geraldine Goodoak for $335,000.
110 GREEN ST purchased by David Hoyt and Ellen-Stacia Clark from Rincentzio and Corina Roman for $268,000.
2 LINDEN ST purchased by Laurence Hodson, Tr for L&J 1995 RT from Laurence Hodson, Tr for L&J 1995 RT for $300,000.
295 MAIN ST U:26 purchased by Tammy and Lee Turner from Kimberly Kaloust for $164,000.
109 WASHINGTON ST purchased by Margaret Wynne from Esther McFadden, Tr for Sawyer F Sylvester TR for $277,000.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price $295,000.

4 ALDEN AVE purchased by Matthew and Caroline Datri from Edward Silva for $375,000.
4 ASPEN LN L:6 purchased by Alberico and Diane Delloiacono from Henry and Virginia Sheffield for $510,000.
410 FELLSVIEW TER U:411 purchased by James Noble from Esmond and Cindy Wong for $193,000.
1 MONTVALE AVE purchased by Hub Acquisition T from WMP 3 RE LP for $9,200,000.
39 STEVENS ST purchased by Sea Sun Lee and Sara Lee from Michael Pucci and Kimberly Hubert-Pucci for $295,000.
3 WARREN ST purchased by Laurence Hodson Tr for L&J 1995 RT from Laurence Hodson and Jeanne Hodson for $300,000.
12 WRIGHT ST purchased by Steven and Patrice Blauvelt from Lawrence Silva for $256,250.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: $259,900

46 ALGONQUIN DR purchased by Brian and Maria Gruning from Shane and Tracy Lemay for $238,000.
13 APACHE WAY U:13 purchased by Julie Greenwood and Brian Gentile from Deborah Smith for $180,000.
31 BELT CIR purchased by Robert and Margaret Dicredico from Clifford and Barbara Baker for $405,000.
998 EAST ST purchased by Richard and Carolyn Reinhard from Timothy and Kimberly Quamme for $237,000.
3 LEARY DR purchased by Scott and Carolyn Macledan from Robert Dicredico for $289,000.
12 PATRIOT RD purchased by Kimberly Forcellese from Isabel Raschella for $294,000.
8 QUAIL RUN U:8 purchased by Francis Spinale and Gertrude Coolidge from Gertrude Coolidge for $22,900.
49 WHIPPLE RD purchased by Charles and Tokiko Schultz from Keith Sullivank Tr for Keith james RT for $494,900.
504 WHIPPLE RD purchased by Thomas and Diane Lucciano-Girard from Paul and Leslie Paquette for $360,000.
849 WHIPPLE RD purchased by Mark Boudreault from Muu Bul and Thuan Dang for $179,000.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: $300,000.

3 EATON CT purchased by Norman Stickney from Marion Howe for $75,000.
9-11 JEFFERSON RD purchased by William and Judith James from Judith James and Linda Draper for $75,000.
34-36 JEFFERSON RD purchased by Louis and Daniel Corcoran from Robert and Maureen Thorne for $360,000.

Transfers to S-13

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Steve Chuha
SRES, CBR, CRS, GRI


Mary Ann Quinn
CRS, GRI, LTG, SRES


Marge Falla
CBR, GRI


Janice Sullivan

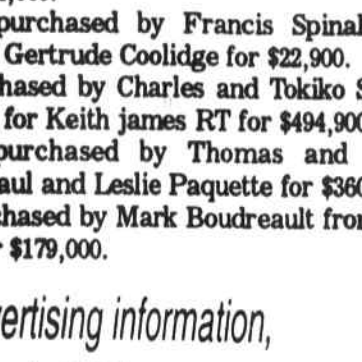

Dottye Vaccaro
CBR, CRS, GRI, SRES


Judy Bernard
CBR


Melanie Horne

Cheryl Weintrob
CRS, GRI


Mark Nelson
CBR, GRI

READING

1st AD! SPARKLING SHUTTER TRIMMED CAPE! Move right into this lovely 3 bedrm Cape. Hardwd flrs, firepl. living rm, 1st flr bedrm or office. Don't miss this one! $284,900. Call Mary Ann Quinn x228 & visit www.MaryAnnQuinn.com

READING

1st AD! EXCELLENT MOVE-IN CONDITION FOUND IN THIS SPACIOUS Colonial with room for extended family. 2nd flr formerly used for separate living space, lovely enclosed porch. All hardwd flrs. $399,900. Call Mary Ann Quinn x228 & visit www.MaryAnnQuinn.com


Jan Triglione
CBR, CRS, GRI, LTG, SRES


Cheryl Volpe
GRI


Jan Frattas
CRS, GRI


Jody Swanstrom
CRS, GRI, SRES


Meg Michaels CBR,
CRS, GRI


Mike Piscatelli
CRS, GRI, SRES

READING

CHARMING UPDATED ANTIQUE COLONIAL! 3-4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, gleaming hardwood flrs, great quiet neighborhood near schools. $325,900

TEWKSBURY

START THE NEW YEAR in this charming 6 room, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial with enclosed porch. $269,900
Call for your personal showing.

WINCHESTER

REDUCED PRICE! OWN IN WINCHESTER! Adorable 3 bedroom Ranch on quiet street with fireplaced living room, dining area and full basement. Newer heating system. $289,900

READING

COMMERCIAL BUILDING formerly Dunn's Bike Shop, this property boasts a great location in Reading's downtown area along with generous parking. Call today for your personal showing. $699,900

READING

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BUY IN READING ON WEST SIDE! This 3 bedrm, 1st flr Family rm has it all... Hardwd flrs, formal dining rm & firepl. living rm, C/A, sky lit bath, attached 2 car garage on oversized 1/2 acre. Near school. Call for your tour today! Low $300's

NORTH READING

1st AD @ NEW PRICE! AIRY 2/3 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE end unit at Thompson Country Club. Great views, 2 decks & garage. Best buy at the Greens. $399,000

READING

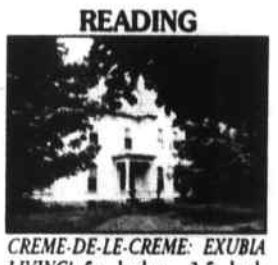
1st AD @ NEW REDUCED PRICE! SPACIOUS COLONIAL ON WEST SIDE CUL-DE-SAC! Large 1st flr family rm with fireplace, 3 bedrms, 1.5 baths, central air & garage. So much house. $429,900

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LOCATION IS EVERYTHING!! 3600 sq. ft. Colonial with lots of extras. Majestically set on Knoll in Harold Parker Estates. 4 bedrms, 3.5 baths, 3 story foyer. Fabulous street full of kids. Finished basement w/bath suitable for in-law or au pair. Call for your personal tour. $729,900

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NEW PRICE! JACKSON BUILT HOME & THE HATHAWAY ACRES. 7 rm Ranch with 3 bedrms, 1 bath, firepl. living rm, finished family rm in lower level & 1/2 acre lot. Move-in condition. Reduced to $299,900

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FOR LEASE! 2000 sq. ft. of stone front Retail/office space in busy little store shopping center. $1,275/Month
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READING


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Mary Ann Hanson

MELROSE


PRICE DRASTICALLY REDUCED ON THIS BEAUTIFULLY refinished inside & out, 11 rm, 5 bedrm, 3.5 bath Victorian. Featuring firepl. living rm, gleaming hardwd flrs & 2 car garage - near transportation. Won't last! $539,900

WOBURN


COME SEE THIS WELL LOCATED VINTAGE VICTORIAN with so many possibilities. Loaded w/charm & character rarely found today. Former Eaton Estate with mansion-size rms thru-out. 11+ rms, 5 bedrms, 2 baths. Potential for at home business in 24x36 rm w/separate entrance. 2 car garage w/corner lot. $530,000

WAKEFIELD


DON'T MISS THIS 6 RM, 3 BEDRM RANCH with newer kitchen and bath and spacious rooms. Hardwood floors throughout. Fireplaced living room, large deck & more. $299,900

MANCHESTER

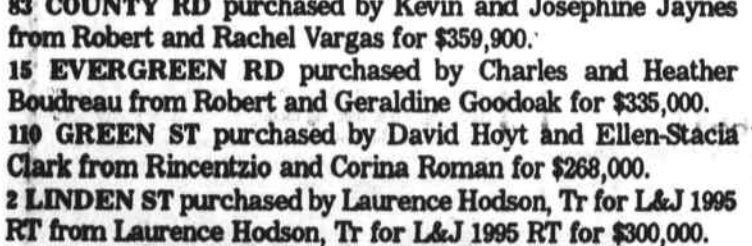

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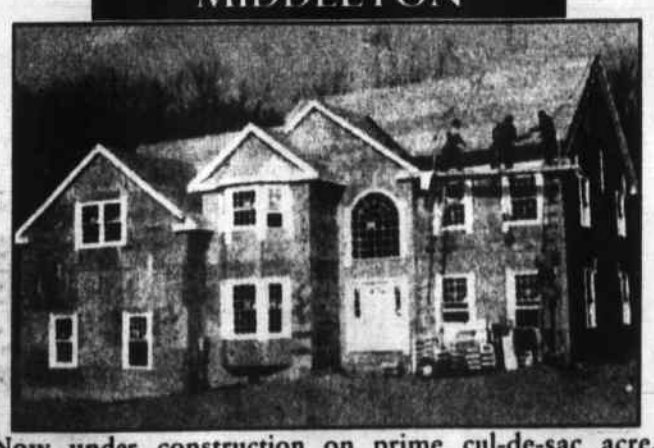


2 BEDROOM RANCH ON QUIET SIDE STREET IN BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD IN NO. READING. COMPLETELY REDONE 3 YEARS AGO, FINISHED LOWER LEVEL, LARGE DECK TO GORGEOUS, LEVEL 18000 SF YARD. $299,900. CALL NOW - WON'T LAST LONG.

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Previdi top agent at Greer's

Bob Winsor, president and owner of Century 21 Greers, announced at a recent sales meeting that Edie Previdi was top producing agent for December.

For more than 17 years Edie has enjoyed a successful career as a realtor serving Stoneham, Wakefield and the surrounding communities. She is dedicated to the satisfaction of her clients and handles each transaction with her own special brand of TLC. She is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and eastern Middlesex Board of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and eastern Middlesex Board of Realtors and a recipient of Century 21 International's "Masters Award."



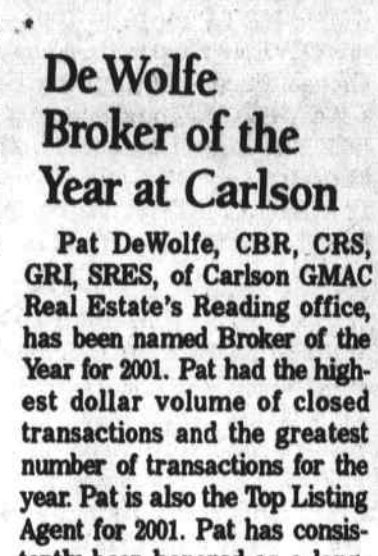
EDIE PREVIDI

Edie and her husband Bill reside in Stoneham and are active in the community. They are the parents of three and recently became proud new grandparents of a grandson.

Bob Winsor, the staff and her colleagues congratulate Edie on an outstanding month of sales and service to her clients.

DeWolfe Broker of the Year at Carlson

Pat DeWolfe, CBR, CRS, GRI, SRES, of Carlson GMAC Real Estate's Reading office, has been named Broker of the Year for 2001. Pat had the highest dollar volume of closed transactions and the greatest number of transactions for the year. Pat is also the Top Listing Agent for 2001. Pat has consistently been honored as a longstanding member of carlson's President's Club and is widely recognized by present and former customers, clients and peers as being at the top of her field. Pat's dedication to service is responsible for her continuing success.



PAT DEWOLFE

Pat holds the professional designations Certified Buyer Representative (CBR), Certified Residential specialist (SRES). Pat is a member of the National Association of Real Estate, the Massachusetts Association of Real Estate, The Eastern Middlesex Association of Real Estate and the statewide multiple listing service, MLSPIN.

Pat is also active in the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors serving as Vice Chair of the EMAR Academy Committee. Pat serves as Earth Angel, volunteers who transport patients from local airports to Boston Hospitals for treatment.



LOCAL REALTORS Amy Nigro, Dave O'Neil, Cheryl Cairns, Valerie Shaw-Theeb, Shannon Walsh, Nancy Doherty, Judy Morrison and Carol Callahan from Century 21 Spindler & O'Neil in North Reading were recently honored for outstanding sales during third and fourth quarter, 2001 with Century 21's prestigious pacesetter award.

Realtors offer new e-PRO technology program

The Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR), in partnership with the National Association of Realtors, has recently introduced the e-PRO technology certification program to area real estate professionals. The e-PRO certification course is presently entirely online and certifies real estate agents and brokers as Internet professionals.

The e-PRO program will teach real estate professionals to identify, evaluate and implement Internet business models and help Realtors stay on the leading edge of technology. Participants gain new skill sets to actively engage with online customers, including the development of effective web-based marketing campaigns, mastery of email software, and the use of web pages to publish valuable and relevant information, Through the e-PRO program, real estate professionals increase productivity by developing a personal technology plan of action for their business, effectively preparing them for the future of real estate, such as the electronic transaction.

The program consists of four modules ("Getting Connected," "E-Mail," "World Wide Web" and Tach Tools of the Trade and Creating Your Technology Plan of Action") that are based online to allow participants to work at their own pace towards completion of all the material. The program includes an online interface with the instructors

Registration is $299 for Realtor members and $399 for non-members To register or learn more about the e-PRO technology program, log on to MAR's Web site at http://www.marealtor,com or

For the latest real estate information or a Complimentary Market Analysis, please call Pat at (781) 942-1500 or directly at (781) 942-6208. Carlson GMAC Real Estate is located at 55 Haven Street, Reading Across from the Atlantic Market).

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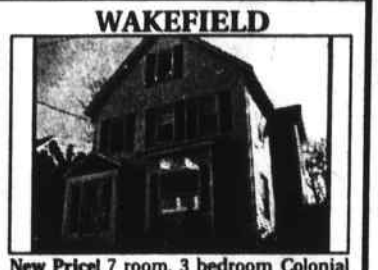
New Listing! Charming 3 bedrm Queen Anne Cape welcomes you with farmers porch, lovely decor & more. Many wonderful features. Newly painted exterior, updated electrical, newer windows and 1 car garage. Lovely corner setting. Dolbeare School. $334,900

WAKEFIELD



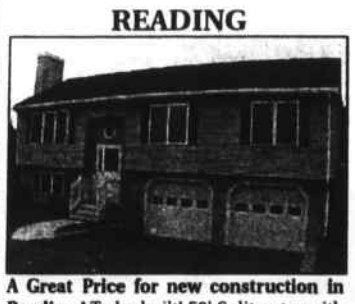
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41 PLEASANT ST purchased by Michael and Colleen Morrison from Stephen Harney and Sharon Greeley for $285,000.

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103 CHESTNUT ST purchased by Jerry and Leigh Bull from James O'Conners for $165,000.

95 CLARK ST purchased by Mark and Kerri Staffier from Helen Blake for $230,000.

12 CUSHING DR purchased by Antonio and Ana Grilo from Kevin and Jennifer Cryts for $379,900.

19 GRAND ST purchased by Timothy and Kimberly Quamme from James Gillis and Donna Taylor for $285,000.

5 GREAT NECK DR purchased by Joseph Murray from Stephen Danielius for $269,900.

127 MIDDLESEX AVE purchased by Lori and David Vessely from Donald and Lynn Madaglia for $340,000.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: $557,000.

7 KENDALL ST purchased by Julie Broderick from James and Katherine McClure for $459,000.

21 LOCKE ST purchased by Xin Wang from Barbara Callendhansel, Adm for Griffith Mildred S EST for $380,000.

25-27 SHEPARD CT purchased by Phyllis Colella from Joseph Colella, Tr for Maria Carmen Colella T for $80,000.

200 SWANTON ST U:624 purchased by Kevin Kotelly from Diana Sara Bruno for $125,000.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: $267,000.

9 CHESTER AVE purchased by Martin and Celeste Blank from Lawrence and Willard Lucey for $270,000.

155 GREEN ST purchased by Lleo Orgocka and Loreta Naska from Joseph Burt for $285,000.

14 JAMES TER purchased by Keith and Mary Kate Brien from Joanne Savino for $340,000.

19-A JEFFERSON AVE U:A purchased by George Hamilton, Tr for Kaleigh RT from Thomas Coye, Tr for Thomas Coye RT for $300,000.

3 JOSAM LN purchased by Rui and Helena Domingos from John Santullo for $439,000.

483 PLACE LN U:483 purchased by Herbert Gross, Tr for 9 Alger Road NT from Richard Moore for $300,000.

17 ROMAN RD purchased by Brian Grace and Linda Garfield from Frances Scheifhaudt for $294,725.

280 SALEM ST purchased by 280 Salem St LLC from Clifford Boutwell, Ex for Boutwell Grace E Est for $600,000.

431 SALEM ST purchased by Robert Forlizzi from Acqiport Unicorn Inc for $219,900.

23 SAMOSET RD purchased by Allen and Stephanie Horton from Gerald Venezia, Ex for Mericantante Mary Est for $242,000.

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Local realtors honored by MAR for volunteerism

The Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR) recently honored realtors, through their local realtors associations, for their extensive volunteerism and monetary contributions made to worthwhile charitable endeavors during the past year.

The MAR, under the guidelines of the association's Realtor Community Service Project Work Group, invited its 46 local associations of realtors throughout Massachusetts to nominate a single community service project for award consideration in one of three specific categories of service: Education/Public Awareness, Housing/Community Revitalization, and Health and Well-Being. This year, eight local associations were recognized for their members' commitment to community service.

The award recipients in the Housing and Community Revitalization project category included the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors, which received the Gold Award for their efforts to raise money and collect and donate furniture to 45 area families who either lost their homes to fire or moved from a shelter to a permanent residence; the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, which earned the Silver Award for helping raise $115,000 to assist Cambridge residents in moving into new housing; and the Greater Worcester Board of Realtors, which received the Bronze Award for its support of the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliances' Walk for the Homeless.

In the Education/Public Awareness category, the North Shore Association of Realtors received a Gold Award for its public awareness campaign to promote the value of homeownership. Specifically, North Shore Realtors publicized the realtors organization's sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institution's "Within These Walls" Exhibit, a new national exhibit that showcases 200 years of American history and family life as seen from the doorstep of a historic house in Ipswich.

The Gold Award in Health/Well-Being category was presented to the Northeast Association of Realtors for their work in conducting a holiday food drive at Thanksgiving which benefitted five Merrimack Valley area shelters. The Silver Award for Health/Well Being programming was awarded to the Northern Worcester County Board of Realtors whose members raised nearly $12,000 to benefit the Health Alliance and Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program, in Worcester County.

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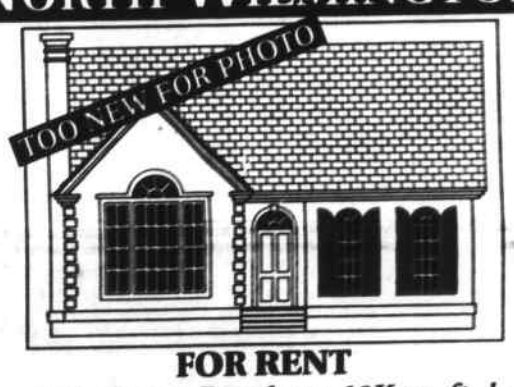
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Custom brick front home



This magnificent home, featured on the cover of Great Boston Realtor Guide in 1995, is this week's sampler home. Located at 1 Hidden Pond Lane in North Reading, it is offered by Roberta Nelson of Nelson, Bromby & Associates in Lynnfield.

The custom built brick front Colonial was built in 1994 and offers 4,000 sq. ft. A new 1000 sq. ft addition offers a finished basement with a full kitchen and bath.

Upon entering the porcelian tile foyer you step into a sunken living room, dining room,a fabulous sunroom with wet bar that overlooks a very private yard. The home is custom built throughout, including a gourmet kitchen, and a 20 x 20 great room with a Bose speaker surround system. The first floor also has a laundry room. The lower level features a complete kitchen, walk in cedar closet, office, den and bath.



Upstairs in addition to the four spacious state-of-the-art bedrooms is the master bedroom suite with a full sitting area, master double Jacuzzi and over sized shower. The bath features a dual sink marble counter top with vanity. There is customized hardwood flooring throughout as there is also decor interior lighting features throughout.

This 4000 sq.ft. home has many extras including a Sunroom (L) and deluxe Master Bedroom



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The front and rear deck areas are equipped with outdoor accent lighting and the rear cedar deck has Dentle molding. The gutter system is complete with a French drain system. There is also a sump pump system that was installed as protection during the basement renovations, but it has never been used. Protection only!

Broker Roberta Nelson can be reached at (978) 762-6053 for more information.

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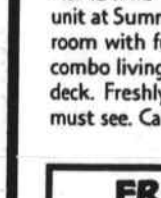
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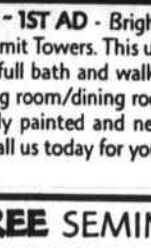
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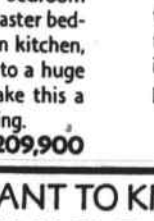
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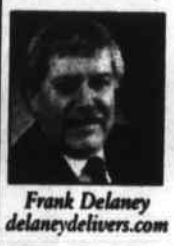
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